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# High rollers

## Audit finds lottery corp. spent millions without explanation

**Executives at Ontario's scandal-plagued lottery and gaming corporation racked up millions of dollars in expenses for meetings, hotel rooms and meals — often with no explanation and few or no receipts, the province's auditor revealed yesterday.**

The agency furnished expensive foreign-made cars for its senior ranks, bought season's tickets to sporting events to woo lottery retailers, and held company meetings on boat cruises — all at taxpayers' expense, auditor general Jim McCarter found.

Rank-and-file employees at the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. mainly followed the rules, McCarter said. Most of the questionable billing was traced back to senior managers who had more discretion with their expenses.

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OLG spent about $1 million in 2008-09 on employee meetings and hospitality, and another $1 million on corporate meetings, some of which were held at resorts, spas — even paintball arcades, auditor general Jim McCarter found. One four-day retreat for 250 senior workers cost $551,000 plus travel expenses, he said.

They included leasing a fleet of vehicles for 26 senior employees, most of which were foreign made, between $41,519 to $57,512 each, and giving another 16 executives car allowances of up to $24,000 per year.

Although OLG makes millions of dollars from commercial activities, it's still a public agency and should have shown a more prudent attitude with its expenses, McCarter said.

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Mexico City — A-lister

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Jessica Biel, star of the movie The A-Team, poses for photographers yesterday during an event to promote the film in Mexico City. The A-Team is scheduled to open in Canada June 11.

## Almost better than a file inside a cake

**MESSAGE** Drake is volunteering to bring fan messages when he visits incarcerated rapper Lil Wayne today.

The 23-year-old Toronto rapper tweeted that he was planning a trip to see Lil Wayne, who is serving a one-year sentence at New York's Rikers Island after pleading guilty to gun possession.

"FINALLY got some time for a visit tmrw to go see my brother," Drake wrote to his Twitter followers yesterday. "So if you got msgs that need to be delivered write #TellWayne."

Lil Wayne has served as a mentor-like figure for Drake since he first heard the younger rapper in 2008.

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## Broken Bells ring true

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## Is global warming to blame for cooling of the heart?

**SEPARATION** Former U.S. vice-president Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, are separating after 40 years of marriage that included a White House run when their sunny relationship offered a counterpoint to president Bill Clinton's philandering.

According to an email circulated among the couple's associates yesterday, the Gores said it was "a mutual and mutually supportive decision that we have made together following a process of long and careful consideration."

Gore spokeswoman Kalee Kreider confirmed the statement came from the Gores.

The Gores were telling friends they "grew apart" after 40 years of marriage.

Al and Tipper Gore

Al Gore lost the 2000 presidential election to Republican George W. Bush. He has since campaigned worldwide to draw attention to climate change, which in 2007 led to a Nobel Peace Prize and an Oscar for the documentary An Inconvenient Truth.

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## Tory won't run: Kelly

**There's word a push is on to get former Ontario Progressive Conservative leader John Tory reconsider his decision to forego a run for the Toronto mayor's job. But Coun. Norm Kelly says he doubts Tory will change his mind and seek the job. Kelly says Tory has a comfortable and rewarding life, and running for mayor could interfere with family commitments.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Ethnic violence in Afghanistan protested

**QUEEN'S PARK** Some 60 people chanting "We want justice" protested at the Ontario legislature yesterday over ethnic violence in central Afghanistan.

They are upset about an attack on Hazaras villagers last month allegedly led by the nomadic Kuchis that left villagers dead and homes burned.

The demonstrators accuse Afghan President Hamid Karzai of supporting the Kuchis.

They are calling on Canadian politicians to urge the Karzai government to intervene and stop what they call ongoing violence against Hazaras people.

They are also calling for Kuchis and the Taliban to get out of Behsud, the district where the attack occurred.

The protesters carried signs reading "We want peace and justice for Hazaras" and "Karzai stop supporting Kuchis to kill Hazaras." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## City hall **Real Food for Real Kids**

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Lulu Cohen Farnell of Real Food for Real Kids and her three-year-old daughter Siena address the Toronto Board of Health yesterday at city hall. A food strategy was presented to the board calling for help to cultivate food connections in the city's food strategy.

## **News** in brief

**DANGEROUS OFFENDER** A judge has declared the "Scarborough bedroom rapist" a dangerous offender for breaking into Toronto homes in the early hours and attacking older women. Eli Nicholas shows indifference to the suffering of others and has failed to control his sexual impulses, Ontario Superior Court Justice Tamarin Dunnet said yesterday. The 31-year-old man with low intelligence and a long criminal record showed no reaction to the sentence, which carries an indefinite prison term. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Ombudsman reappointed

## Andre Marin says Liberal smear campaign akin to McCarthyism

**Accusations from government insiders that he was a tyrannical boss who abused a taxpayer-funded expense account took on tinges of McCarthyism, Andre Marin said yesterday after he was reappointed as ombudsman.**

At first Marin declined to comment on the smear campaign, calling it "water under the bridge." But just moments later he made it clear the months-long ordeal had been hard to take.

Andre Marin

"Of course it hasn't been easy," said Marin, who was reappointed to a five-year term.

"It's been very difficult on me and my family and my office, but it's part of the process."

Marin was the subject of a campaign by unnamed Liberals to discredit him after the government announced it wanted a new process for hiring independent officers of the legislature. The opposition parties held firm in demanding Marin be reappointed.

Marin seemed the obvious target after the Liberals quickly agreed to reappoint Anne Cavoukian as privacy commissioner and Gord Miller as environmental commissioner. Marin was left dangling with just a six-month contract extension as ombudsman.

The attacks against Marin were generating so much attention that Premier Dalton McGuinty was forced to weigh in two weeks ago to tell Liberals to back off a man who had been doing a good job of pointing out faults with government — the job he was appointed to do.

Marin said he was glad he'd been nice to everyone in kindergarten, or we would have heard from them too.

"It took almost a McCarthyism turn of events, with everyone trying to outdo each other on trying to throw some mud," said Marin, making a reference to the U.S. senator who led a campaign to out communists in the 1950s.

"But I'm very pleased that the premier intervened. I saw that as a major turning point."

Marin went through a second interview yesterday, the only candidate to do so, and by mid-afternoon it was announced he would be reappointed with unanimous support of all three parties. Even Liberal house leader Monique Smith sang his praises in the legislature. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Duncan calls Hudak 'shifty'

## Minister stops by Tory riding to fire back at HST criticism

**Fed up with opposition attacks over the looming harmonized sales tax, Ontario's Liberal government went on the offensive yesterday, calling Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak dishonest.**

Three Liberal cabinet ministers fanned out to different Opposition-held ridings to talk about the benefits a single sales tax will mean for businesses, and to point out what the government says is the hypocrisy and dishonesty of the Tories on the issue.

Tim Hudak

"As difficult as this (tax) package is, enough Ontarians get it that they're prepared to stand up to his shiftiness, his phoniness and his complete lack of sensitivity to the importance of giving new business and small business especially a leg up as they make investments to hire people and create jobs," said Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

"We're going to be driving this point home over the next month, right across Ontario, with a lot of individual stories talking about how important this policy is."

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Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan was in PC Leader Tim Hudak's riding yesterday to extol the virtues of the HST, which comes into effect July 1.

**"Mr. Hudak is shifty, he has not told the truth about the policy."**
Finance Minister Dwight Duncan

Duncan kicked off the Liberal offensive by visiting Hudak's Niagara-West Glanbrook riding — a very rare move for a cabinet minister into an opposition leader's turf — to talk about the 13 per cent HST and the Tories' campaign against it. "Mr. Hudak is shifty, he has not told the truth about the policy," Duncan said. "There's lots of people out there, right in his own backyard, who think this is absolutely the direction to go in."

Duncan visited a new company in Hudak's riding, Canada Wide Recycling, whose owner said the HST will save him money and allow him to hire more staff.

However, Hudak said he was confident most people in his riding, and the rest of the province, oppose the move to a single sales tax because it will now apply the eight per cent provincial portion of the sales tax to such things as home heating fuel and gasoline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Schools must rework model for tech-savvy youth: Author

**TECHNOLOGY** Educators must embrace technology and change the way they do things because the current system does not serve the digital generation well, says a leading Canadian author.

"The old model based on lectures, for both kindergarten to Grade 12 and the universities, is a model that is inappropriate for a new generation that has grown up digital," said Don Tapscott, an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.

"It's a one-way, one-size-fits-all, teacher-focused model where students are isolated in the learning process," he said.

The Toronto-based, best-selling author of Growing Up Digital and Grown Up Digital: How the Net Generation is Changing Your World, said the web can reinvent education: "We can use the web and new technology to change the relationship between students and teachers in the learning process to get a multi-way, student-focused, customized, collaborative model of learning. The people who understand this the best are actually the students."

Teacher Vicki Davis is already moving toward the future. Davis is one of the founders of the Flat Classroom Project — which Tapscott is taking part in — which has brought middle and high school students together from around the world to collaborate on projects. Teachers merge their classrooms, pair up students from different time zones to work on assignments online, "writing wikis together, researching together" on real topics, she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Porter grounds planned IPO

**TRAVEL** Porter Aviation Holdings Inc. put its initial public offering on hold yesterday due to unfavourable market conditions caused by volatility in the equity markets.

The regional airline, based at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, had planned to use the offering to build working capital, including the possible acquisition of more aircraft.

Porter, which began operations in 2006, flies short-haul routes within Canada and to the United States.

The airline has been expanding rapidly, recently adding routes to Sudbury and to Moncton, N.B.

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## News in brief

**SENTENCE** A 50-year-old Brampton rapper was given a five-year prison sentence on Tuesday for his role in a deadly drug rip-off behind a Mississauga condo. Given credit for time served, Denton McKenzie, whose rapper name is Fred Cash, must serve another three years for his role in the June 2, 2009 shooting death of Andre Buritica-Marin, 25. He will be eligible to seek parole in six months. He was also banned for life from having weapons. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# News boxes, transit shelters deemed G20 security threats

**SECURITY** Toronto is starting to tidy up its downtown in preparation for the G20 summit.

By the time the summit begins at the Convention Centre on June 26, streets in the designated security zone will look a whole lot emptier.

Hundreds of newspaper boxes and garbage cans are being removed to prevent them from being used as possible projectiles by violent protesters.

Hotdog vendors are being asked to leave the security area starting June 11, and transit shelters are also being removed from the area in an effort to reduce vandalism.

As of Friday, security officials will begin to remove 745 newspaper boxes, 200 litter bins, and 29 transit shelters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Heat alert comes to an end**

Toronto's medical officer of health has ended a heat alert that had been issued for the city. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Deal hatched on refugee reform bill

## Controversial legislation aims to deter fraudsters

**Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says he has reached a deal with his Liberal critic to push ahead his controversial refugee reform package.**

In comments laden with rare compliments for his political opponent, Kenney said he is accepting all the changes put forward by Liberal immigration critic Maurizio Bevilacqua, in the hopes of having the refugee reform bill passed by this summer.

"My advice to the opposition would be to claim victory, and let's get this done," Kenney said yesterday.

"It's urgent that we get workable reforms to the asylum system. That means a package that can get consensus in a minority Parliament."

**"My advice to the opposition would be to claim victory, and let's get this done."**
Immigration Minister Jason Kenney

The $600-million bill aims to deter fraudsters from filing refugee claims in Canada, and playing the system for years before they are sent home. At the same time, it tries to speed up the approval system for legitimate claimants.

What's controversial is the way the bill proposes to reduce the lags throughout the process — by sorting out people according to their country of origin.

The legislation would have the government develop a list of countries deemed safe. Since officials anticipate that almost all of the claimants from those countries will eventually be rejected, those claimants will go through an expedited process. That way, Canada can cut short the time such people spend in Canada exploiting the system, collecting welfare and using free health-care services.

But critics of the bill say it creates two classes of refugees, and risks discriminating against some legitimate claimants simply because they may come from democratic countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Shop closure an opportunity for TTC?

**MARKETING** Just as tourist season ramps up, the city's only purveyor of official TTC T's and other merchandise has shuttered its Union Station kiosk.

Legacy Sportswear, which operates the Transit Stuff store just inside the TTC turnstiles, has not renewed its Union Station lease, transit officials confirmed yesterday, though its non-exclusive licensing agreement doesn't run out until the end of 2011.

The closure might represent a marketing opportunity the TTC has failed to exploit, says transit commission vice-chair Joe Mihevc. He thinks the TTC's image needs a makeover in conjunction with its current customer service improvement exercise. It's not an accident that corporations spend millions on branding, said Mihevc.

"Why not have a moving billboard — and a T-shirt is a moving billboard — for folks who want to celebrate transit?" he said.

"The better way" could become as ubiquitous as the London Underground's "Mind the gap" slogan that adorns everything from coffee cups and ashtrays to bottle openers.

New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority makes about $60,000 annually marketing everything from subway-map dinner plates to token cufflinks.

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**The little shop in Union station that sold TTC and transit-related souvenirs has closed its doors. The company, Legacy Sportswear, isn't answering its phone but TTC says the store chose not to renew its lease in the station.**

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Entrepreneur Nazim Gillani, shown here in April, is at the centre of accusations against former Tory MP Rahim Jaffer.

# Jaffer saga continues to evolve

## Documents at odds with former Tory MP's testimony

**Rahim Jaffer asked a controversial Toronto entrepreneur to contribute to his wife Helena Guergis' Conservative riding association as recently as January, months after the former Tory MP claims he had ended his business dealings with the man.**

Documents obtained by The Canadian Press also show Jaffer offered his sympathy and help to Nazim (Naz) Gillani as he faced fraud charges.

The former Tory MP's relationship with Gillani appears to have gone far beyond the brief talks the former MP described to a Commons committee in April.

The exact nature of Jaffer's relationship with Gillani was the key factor in the ousting of Guergis from the Conservative caucus and cabinet and led to the party blocking her from seeking the nomination in her riding.

Gillani owned an investment company, while Jaffer co-directed a consulting firm that sought to bring renewable energy projects to market. The two men had ostensibly been talking about investing in waste management technology among other projects.

Jaffer said their talks fell apart because he could find no "synergies" with Gillani's firm and the only contact he had with Gillani after Sept. 10, 2009, was to return materials to him.

A series of emails sent between Gillani, his partner Mike Mihelic, Jaffer and Jaffer's partner Patrick Glemaud between October 2009 and April 2010 suggest a different story. The documents were recently tabled with the government operations committee by Gillani.

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### Confusion

- Rahim Jaffer acknowledged in an email yesterday that there was confusion around his testimony and information that has since emerged, but said he hoped to clarify things at a second appearance next week.

# 'Stay tuned' for good news: GM

**AUTOMOTIVE** General Motors Canada is expanding a southern Ontario parts plant for the second time in a month and suggesting more growth is on the way as the formerly bankrupt auto giant recovers and introduces new vehicles to the market.

The $245 million committed to build new transmissions at GM's St. Catharines plant reflects a brighter future for the company and Canadians should "stay tuned" for further announcements, new company president Kevin Williams said yesterday.

The investment will secure 400 existing jobs at the St. Catharines operations.

The automaker shut down its truck plant in Oshawa last year, shedding about 2,600 jobs. Late last year, GM said it would add a second shift in Oshawa in 2011, bringing back 700 workers. In March, GM also said it would add a third shift at its Oshawa assembly plant. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Oshawa next?

- Analysts said the most likely future investment GM Canada will make would be to expand vehicle production in Oshawa, where it builds the Chevrolet Camaro and Impala and will begin building a Chevrolet convertible and the Buick Regal next year.

## City man sought in woman's murder

**HOMICIDE** Toronto police have identified a woman found dead in a west-end apartment and say they are looking for a male suspect.

The death of Lucita Charles, 28, is the city's 18th homicide of the year.

Police say officers responding to a call Monday found a woman with trauma to her body.

Patrick Kirk Barrett, 39, of Toronto, is wanted for second-degree murder in the death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Partygoer who drank anti-freeze dies**

A poisoning incident at a house party near Sudbury last week has now turned deadly. One of seven people who drank methyl hydrate — also known as gas line anti-freeze — has died. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada

## Baby's OD leads to jail time for dad

**The father of a 16-month-old girl who died after ingesting methadone has been sentenced to 2½ years in prison. Jonathan Hope was found guilty in March of failing to provide his daughter Summer with the necessities of life four years ago. The girl's mother, Lisa Guerin, was convicted on the same charge and was recently sentenced to 2½ years in jail. Both are getting some credit for time already served.**

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## News in brief

**RAIL SAFETY** A steep increase in rail accidents in the last decade has forced the federal government to bring in tough new penalties for railways caught breaking safety rules. Rob Merrifield, the minister of state for transport, says new legislation will be brought in that includes greater financial and legal penalties. He says the legislation will beef up safety requirements and protect whistleblowers who raise safety concerns. The changes are the result of a 2008 Commons Committee report that concluded there was a lack of accountability around safety both from Transport Canada and the country's railways.

**CELL DEATH** The family of a Yukon man who died on the floor of an RCMP jail cell is calling for a civilian oversight agency to keep an eye on the national police force. Raymond Silverfox, 43, died after lying in severe distress for 13 hours in the cell in December 2008. A coroner concluded his death was from natural causes, but his family wants a public inquiry into his death.

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# Officer knifed nearly to death

## Witness attacks investigator at police HQ

**An interview at the headquarters of Alberta's police investigative unit turned bloody yesterday when a witness pulled out a knife and began stabbing an officer almost to death.**

Police say the attack happened in an interview room at the offices of the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team.

The officer involved in the struggle, a plainclothes RCMP investigator working for the team, was stabbed three times and rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

His condition was upgraded to good after surgery. He still faces another operation.

Clifton Purvis, who heads the investigative unit known as ASIRT for short, identified the injured officer as Sgt. Andrew Johnson. Johnson's wife and two sons were with him at the hospital, Purvis said.

An unnamed suspect was arrested at the scene, but needed to be taken to hospital himself for a "bump on the head."

### ASIRT's mandate

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team reviews incidents or complaints involving serious injury or death that may have resulted from the actions of a police officer. ASIRT has jurisdiction over all sworn police officers in the province and has offices in Edmonton and Calgary.

Calgary police Duty Insp. Vic Trickett said a man in his 30s, who was previously known to police, showed up at the office and asked to speak with an officer. He was escorted to an interview room, Trickett said.

Usually there would be audio and video running in the room, but that wasn't the case because it wasn't a formal interview, Purvis said. He also said ASIRT team members have body armour and weapons, but can choose whether to wear them.

The injured officer was not wearing any protective gear.

"As the incident occurred, other ASIRT members ... heard the commotion and ... rushed to intervene with the disturbance. The ASIRT officers took the offender, the suspect, into custody and immediately ... started to help their fellow worker."

EMS spokesman Stuart Brideaux said paramedics feared for the officer's life as he was being transported to hospital.

Photos of him being taken from the building showed a man apparently unconscious with blood over his left eye.

The suspect also appeared to be unconscious as he was taken from the building on a stretcher. There was blood on the pillow behind his head.

The ASIRT offices are secure in that anyone arriving has to be buzzed in, Purvis said.

But he said there are no metal detectors and no policy to search every person who enters.

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The RCMP found 343 kilograms of cocaine hidden in a contained in the Port of Halifax yesterday.

# Montrealer nabbed in massive drug bust

**COCAINE** A Montreal man was arrested yesterday after Canada Border Services agents found 343 kilograms of cocaine in a shipping container in Halifax last November.

"The drugs were found in a container originating from Venezuela that was on its way to Montreal," said Andrew LeFrank, the agency's Nova Scotia director. "Officers using X-ray technology were able to detect the drugs concealed in ceramic tiles."

RCMP Staff Sgt. Alan Harding said Michel Safar, 47, will face charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking.

"Our investigation led us to believe that the drugs were destined for the Montreal area. Further arrests may be made," said Harding.

Each tile, which was covered with a fibreglass backing, contained two packages of cocaine weighing about 520 grams.

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# No pension for cons: Feds

**OUTCRY** The Harper government wants to bring in legislation to cut off old-age pensions for people in federal prison.

The legislation follows an outcry from victims' groups over news that prisoners, including serial killer Clifford Olson, are eligible to collect pensions while behind bars.

Diane Finley

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley says the changes would prevent prisoners from applying for old-age security and guaranteed income supplement payments.

She says the legislation would affect about 400 people in federal prisons.

The government hopes the provinces and territories will agree to cut off another 600 prisoners in jails. Cutting off federal prisoners would save about $2 million a year.

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**Rain helps firefighters decrease number of forest fires in Quebec**
Firefighters battling major forest fires in Quebec made slight progress thanks to rain showers yesterday. A total of 39 forest fires were still burning in the province, with five of them still out of control. That's far less than a few days ago, when there were 60 blazes and 16 were out of control. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Raid detainee coming back soon: Family

## Fates of 2 other Canadians unknown

**Family and friends of one of three Canadians detained after Israeli soldiers stormed an aid convoy off the Gaza coast say they've been told he'll be back home within days.**

But the identities and fates of the two other Canadians remained a mystery yesterday.

Foreign Affairs said it was aware of three Canadian citizens who were taken into custody following the violent confrontation between pro-Palestinian activists and the Israeli military that left nine people dead.

A department spokeswoman said consular officials were working with Israeli authorities to provide assistance to the trio, but the ministry did not release their names or further details.

**"I'm going to congratulate him on a job well done."**
Steve Neish, brother of Kevin Neish

The daughter of Victoria resident Kevin Neish, a 53-year-old retired marine engineer, said she was told her father would be deported from Israel within 72 hours.

Neish's brother Steve was relieved that his younger sibling would soon be home.

"I'm going to congratulate him on a job well done," he said in a telephone interview.

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## Alberta **Totem pole heading home**

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Parks Canada interpreter Amber Legault looks over the Jasper raven totem pole in St. Albert, Alta., yesterday. The totem pole, which has stood for more than 90 years in Jasper National Park, is now being returned on a travelling tour to Haida Gwaii, or the Queen Charlotte Islands, in British Columbia, with viewing spots along the way.

## Opposition wants Mulroney to cough up cash

**POLITICS** Brian Mulroney owes taxpayers millions of dollars after an inquiry found the former prime minister hid the truth during his 1990s libel suit against the government, say opposition critics.

Mulroney should return at least $2.1 million he won in damages in a 1997 settlement, plus another $1.6 million in legal costs, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and NDP Leader Jack Layton said yesterday.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson only said the government would examine all recommendations from inquiry commissioner Justice Jeffrey Oliphant.

The inquiry found that Mulroney "failed to disclose appropriately the facts" during the libel case.

Mulroney told the court that he'd only had a cup of coffee a couple of times with Karlheinz Schreiber, when in fact those meetings involved the secret payment of hundreds of thousands of dollars in undeclared cash.

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## Bishop denies abuse claims

**LAHEY** A Roman Catholic bishop facing child pornography charges in Ontario says he never sexually abused a boy who lived at Mount Cashel orphanage in St. John's, N.L.

Raymond Lahey denies all claims of sexual assault made in a civil lawsuit by Todd Boland.

The former Mount Cashel resident has accused Lahey in court documents of simulated anal intercourse, sexual rubbing and fondling.

None of the allegations has been proven in court, and no related criminal charges have been filed.

In a statement of defence filed yesterday in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, Lahey specifically denies "any act of fondling, frottage (sexual rubbing) and simulated anal intercourse."

He resigned as head of the diocese of Antigonish in Nova Scotia after he was charged in September with possessing and importing child pornography. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Palestinian peace activist wins Anna Lindh prize**

Swedish organizers say a Palestinian peace activist has won the 2010 Anna Lindh prize for her work to promote nonviolence in the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. The 70-year-old Jean Zaru has been a teacher of religion and ethics at a school in Ramallah and written several books about nonviolence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## Woman favoured for president

German officials say the current labour minister is an early favourite for the presidential nomination a day after President Horst Koehler's surprise resignation. Ursula von der Leyen, left, would become the country's first female president if she succeeds Koehler in the largely ceremonial post.

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## Taliban threatens peace conference

**AFGHANISTAN** The Taliban yesterday dismissed this week's national peace conference in Afghanistan even before it had begun, threatening death to the 1,600 delegates in cassette messages distributed by the insurgents. The three-day meeting, which begins today in a giant tent at Kabul Polytechnic University, will discuss how to reconcile with the fighters — even as the U.S. rushes in more troops to ramp up the nearly nine-year war. But the meeting could also open fissures in a society deeply divided after decades of conflict. President Hamid Karzai will use the conference, known as a "peace jirga," to seek endorsement of his plan to offer economic incentives to Taliban and other insurgent fighters willing to leave the battlefield. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Israel eases Gaza blockade

## Egypt also opens border as backlash from raid on flotilla continues

**Israel and Egypt signalled a temporary easing of the Gaza Strip blockade yesterday following harsh international condemnation of the deadly Israeli raid on an aid flotilla en route to the sealed-off Palestinian territory.**

Egypt said it was freely opening its border with Gaza for the first time in more than a year to allow in humanitarian aid, setting off a mad rush to the crossing by thousands of residents, while an Israeli official said there is an "ongoing dialogue" with the international community on how to expand the amount of goods entering the area.

At the same time, Israel began expelling some of the nearly 700 activists it rounded up in the naval raid, and strongly rejected criticism of its heavy-handed tactics.

The government said it would deport almost all of them within the next two days, but about 50 would be held for investigation into their part in the violence at sea.

Israel pledged to halt a new attempt by pro-Palestinian groups to sail more ships into Gaza, and claimed some of the arrested activists carried weapons and large quantities of cash, raising questions about whether they were mercenaries.

Worldwide condemnation has been flooding in since Israeli Defence Force commandos halted the aid flotilla in international waters overnight Monday, setting off a melee that left nine activists dead and dozens wounded.

Turkey, an unofficial backer of the flotilla, has led the criticism, accusing Israel of committing a "massacre," and the UN Security Council demanded an impartial investigation.

There were signs, however, that the long-term strategic partnership between Israel and Turkey — the Jewish state's most important Muslim ally — would endure.

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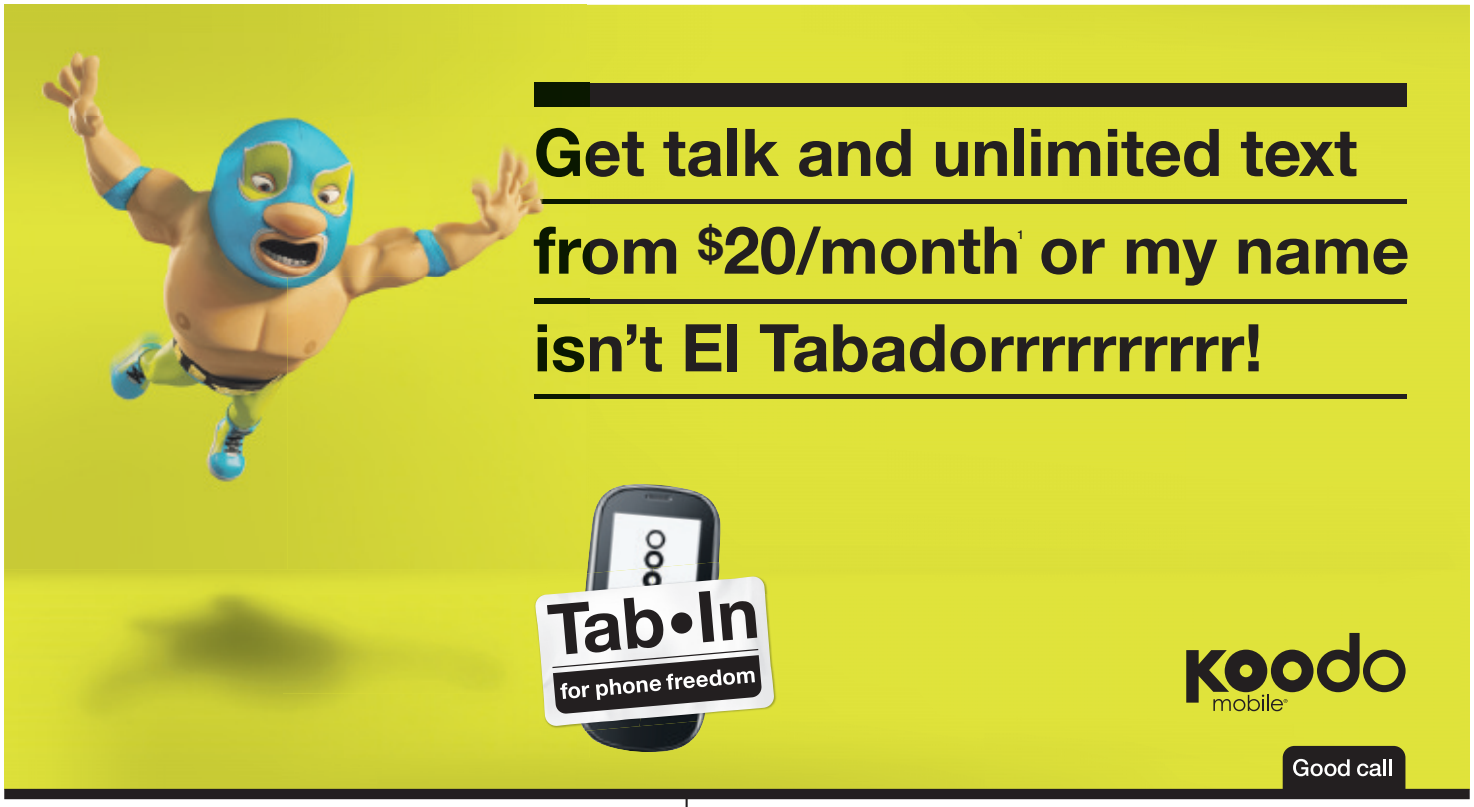
A Muslim student holds up a poster during a rally in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday against Israel's deadly commando raid.

## Venice going batty over mosquitoes

**ITALY** Venice wants its citizens to attract bats in a bid to battle a tiger mosquito infestation in the lagoon city. Officials yesterday launched a campaign urging Venetians to buy or build "bat boxes" and install them high in trees or on the side of exterior walls of homes. Venice officials say each bat could devour some 3,000 mosquitoes a night and could combat the insects especially on the Lido, where accumulations of rainwater in gardens and other greenery serve as breeding grounds. Although Venice is crisscrossed by canals, mosquitoes aren't attracted to the lagoon's brackish waters. Tiger mosquito bites can leave itchy, swollen welts, and the insects can spread diseases such as chikungunya fever. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Four per cent rise in U.S. greenhouse gas in next 10 years: Projection**
The Obama administration's first major climate report to the UN projects that U.S. greenhouse gases will grow by four per cent through 2020. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Gulf oil spill now a criminal investigation

**U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said yesterday that federal authorities have opened criminal and civil investigations into the nation's worst oil spill, and BP lost billions in market value when shares dropped in the first trading day since the company failed yet again to plug the gusher.**

Investors presumably realized the best chance to stop the leak was months away and there was no end in sight to the cleanup. As BP settled in for the long term, Holder announced the criminal probe, though he would not specify the companies or individuals that might be targeted.

"We will closely examine the actions of those involved in the spill. If we find evidence of illegal behaviour, we will be extremely forceful in our response," Holder said in New Orleans.

With the ambitious "top kill" abandoned over the weekend, BP's hope to stanch the leak lies with two relief wells that won't be finished until at least August. The company is, however, trying another risky temporary fix to contain the oil and siphon it to the surface by sawing through the leaking pipe and putting a cap over the spill.

The cleanup, relief wells and temporary fixes were being watched closely by U.S. President Barack Obama's administration.

The president gave the leaders of an independent commission investigating the spill orders to thoroughly examine the disaster and its causes, and to follow the facts wherever they lead, without fear or favour. The president said if laws are insufficient, they will be changed. He said if government oversight wasn't tough enough, that will change, too. Meanwhile, BP spokesman Graham MacEwen said the company was awaiting analysis of water samples taken in the Gulf before making a final determination on plumes of oil underwater.

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## Up next: Giant garden tool, deli slicer

- U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, the national incident commander, said yesterday that BP was making its first major cut with super shears that weigh 46,000 pounds and resemble a giant garden tool. The company will also use a powerful diamond-edged cutter that resembles a deli slicer to try to make a clean cut above the blowout preventer, then will lower a cap over it with a rubber seal.

***Gulf Oil Spill, Hollywood edition: James Cameron shows up at cleanup meeting.***

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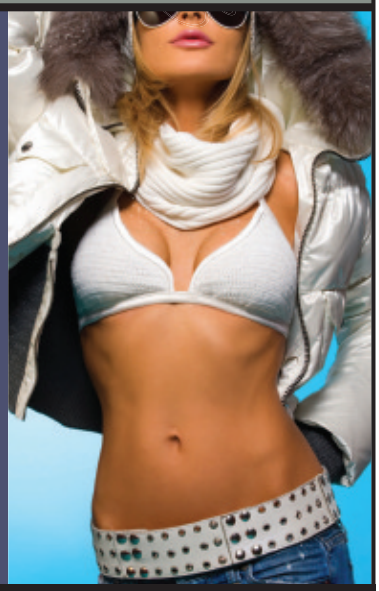

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**Al-Qaida No. 3 dead**

Al-Qaida announced Monday that its No. 3 official, Mustafa al-Yazid, had been killed along with members of his family — perhaps one of the most severe blows to the terror movement since the U.S. campaign against al-Qaida began. A U.S. official said al-Yazid was believed to have died in a U.S. missile strike. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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A sinkhole covers an intersection in downtown Guatemala City on Monday. A day earlier authorities blamed the heavy rains caused by tropical storm Agatha as the cause of the crater that swallowed a three-story building, but now say they will be conducting further studies to determine the cause. Another giant sinkhole in the same area killed three people in April 2007.

# Storm's toll rises to 179

## 125K evacuated in Guatemala

**Rural villagers used hoes and pickaxes to hunt for victims of landslides that have killed at least 179 people in Central America while officials in Guatemala's capital tried to cope with a vast sinkhole that swallowed a clothing factory.**

Thousands remained homeless and dozens still missing following the season's first tropical storm. Rescue crews struggled to reach isolated communities to distribute food and water.

"This is a total tragedy," said Jose Vicente Samayoa, president of a neighbourhood group in Amatitlan, a flooded town south of Guatemala's capital.

Officials in Guatemala reported 152 dead, but said 100 people were still missing. In the department of Chimaltenango — a province west of Guatemala City — landslides buried rural Indian communities and killed at least 60 people.

Nearly 125,000 people were evacuated in Guatemala and thousands more fled their homes in neighbouring Honduras, where the death toll rose to 17 after two youths disappeared while bathing in a turbulent river despite official warnings to stay away from swollen waterways. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Coke, mentos power vehicle

**CONTRAPTION** The guys who became an online sensation by creating geysers from soda and Mentos candies have discovered it's not just entertainment. It can propel vehicles, as well.

A contraption created by Fritz Grobe and Stephen Voltz of Maine using a bike and a trailer is powered by piston mechanism using hundreds of pieces of Mentos candy and Coke Zero.

In a video posted online yesterday, the machine travelled more than 67 metres.

The geyser experiment used Diet Coke. This time, the crew used Coke Zero. Afterward, they toasted their success by sipping Coke Zero from champagne glasses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Comment

# Not such an Easy Ride for Hopper

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***"Live fast, die young, and leave a good-looking corpse."***

That was legendary Hollywood star James Dean's favourite quote, and sure enough, it became a self-fulfilling prophecy Sept. 30, 1955, when he died in a head-on crash while driving a snappy little Porsche.

Then there's Dennis Hopper.

Hopper admired James Dean, who taught him how to act: "Don't act as if you're smoking the cigarette, just smoke the cigarette."

Like his hero, Dennis Hopper was also in Rebel Without A Cause and Giant, and went on to star as the icon of a later generation, Billy in Easy Rider.

And he starred in some of the most powerful movies ever made, including Apocalypse Now and Blue Velvet.

But if James Dean haunted the nightmares of a generation who could not find their way after the Second World War, Hopper remains the bad dream of the baby boom.

When he died Saturday, he was the ghost of Woodstock Nation, wasted by cancer, a grim sacrifice to sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

This is a guy who started his career hanging out with Elvis and, 55 years later, Jack Nicholson joined him to celebrate earning his star (finally) on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

And in the middle he had a 15-year blackout. At one point, he drank half a gallon of rum, followed by a fifth of rum, chased with 28 beers, three grams of cocaine, not to mention a bushel of bud — every day.

He was married five times. In 1970, Michelle Phillips, one of The Mamas & The Papas, was his wife for eight days.

Dennis Hopper is what happens to Peter Pan when he needs to grow up and can't. It took him so long that by the time he was finished, he was really finished. There was nothing pretty about the final act. At the end, he weighed 45 kilos and was in the middle of a nasty divorce with wife No. 5.

Dennis Hopper is why your mom and dad drag themselves onto the treadmill like superannuated hamsters and eat lettuce and tofu instead of steak and fries. When you look into the mirror and see Dennis Hopper looking back at you, how scary is that?

So let's say it's your birthday. You just turned 29. And you're feeling old. That's not old. Dennis Hopper was 74. But that's not even old these days. Average life expectancy is now 80.7. Chances are you'll outlive Dennis Hopper.

Let's hope it's a happier ending.

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## Word on the street: Should we get rid of the penny?

**Thomas W.**
Toronto

A: Oh my goodness. I don't even use it. Probably, yes.

**Alyssa Whiteman**
Toronto

A: It's lucky when you see one on the street, but I think it would be easier for the less mathematically inclined and people with dyslexia if things were rounded up. For example, $4.97 could be hard on the eyes if you have dyslexia.

**Corey Tyhurst**
Toronto

A: No. That would accelerate inflation because businesses would round everything up, and then everything that used to be three cents would be five cents ... I don't think inflation has devalued it enough to warrant getting rid of it.

**Gowoon Lee**
Ottawa

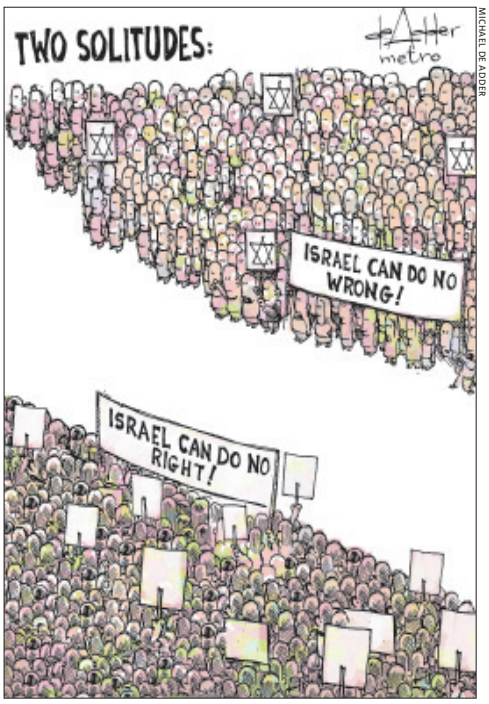
A: Get rid of it. It's really pointless. You get so much change that you don't even know what to do with it.

**Cody Weiss**
Calgary

A: We should keep the penny. Having that currency exist is an important part of our cultural past and is an important part of the many historical symbols on coin faces. If they get rid of the penny then what's next? The nickle? The dime?

**Julia Green**
Vancouver

A: Pennies are kind of annoying, but I would keep them. I really like to pay in exact change because I think not doing so just breeds more change!

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**WestJet forming new partnership with U.S. airline**

WestJet Airlines Ltd.'s CEO Gregg Saretsky says the Calgary-based airline, which this spring called off a deal with Southwest Airlines, is close to forging a new partnership with a U.S. airline as it seeks to draw more international traffic into its network. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# BoC tightens rates

## Big banks hike prime interest a quarter point

**Borrowing costs for consumers and businesses are slated to start rising moderately after the Bank of Canada moved off its ultra-stimulative monetary policy yesterday, hiking its trendsetting interest rate a quarter point.**

It was the first time in almost three years the central bank actually raised the policy rate, but it will still be regarded as a bold and perhaps risky move on the part of governor Mark Carney.

The move lifts the trendsetting overnight rate to 0.5 per cent and puts Canada first among the world's G7 leading economies to start tightening monetary policy. Most analysts don't expect any others among the big seven to start raising interest rates until next year at the earliest.

Canada's big banks waited only a few hours before following the lead of the Bank of Canada to hike their prime a quarter point to a still modest 2.5 per cent, effective today. The TD Bank was the first to announce the quarter-point hike in its prime lending rate to 2.5 per cent.

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Bank of Canada's Mark Carney says conditions have improved enough to move off the emergency rate.

## Big 5 rake in $5 billion profit

**BANKING** Canada's five biggest banks raked in a collective $5.01 billion in profits during the second quarter, but still missed inflated analyst expectations. Scotiabank wrapped up the reports with a record profit of nearly $1.1 billion. Bank of Montreal reported profit of $745 million. Royal Bank posted a $1.3-billion profit, CIBC a $660-million profit and TD Bank more than doubled its profit to nearly $1.2 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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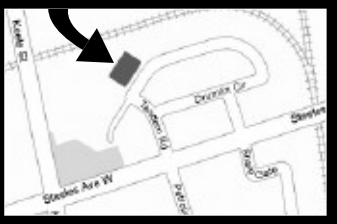

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# More Imax screens

## Deal with AMC adds up to 25 new theatres

**Imax Corp. has expanded a joint venture agreement with movie exhibitor AMC Entertainment and will install another 15 to 25 new Imax theatres next year in the United States.**

The Toronto-area company did not disclose financial details of the arrangement with AMC but said it adds to a 104-screen agreement signed in 2007.

Under that deal, 79 of those screens are already in use, while 25 are anticipated to open in the United States and Canada by the end of this year.

Once the entire agreement is completed, AMC will operate between 125 and 135 Imax theatres.

"We are proud to continue being the largest exhibitor partner of IMAX, and we are committed to providing our guests with the best choices in moviegoing," AMC president and CEO Gerry Lopez said in a release.

**"We are proud to continue being the largest exhibitor partner of IMAX."**
Gerry Lopez, AMC chief

Imax noted that the revised joint venture includes adjusted costs to help AMC handle higher operating expenses.

"We are also excited that through this expansion, we expect to increase the number of potential IMAX theatres in North America beyond the 400 locations we originally targeted," said Imax CEO Richard Gelfond. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Taiwan Window to Microsoft

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**Pens plan big flush**

The Pittsburgh Penguins are looking for 250 students to help with an important task. Construction is near completion on the NHL team's new arena, the Consol Energy Center, but like with any new arena or stadium, officials need to simultaneously flush all the toilets and urinals to make sure everything is working. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports

## Lidstrom sticking around

**Nicklas Lidstrom is choosing to return to the Detroit Red Wings instead of retiring. The star defenceman, left, signed a one-year contract, the team announced yesterday, instead of hanging up his skates at the age of 40. Lidstrom was contemplating calling it a career. He has spent all of his 18 NHL seasons with the Red Wings.**

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## Sports in brief

**NBA** One month from the start of the NBA's free agency frenzy, LeBron James has handicapped his field of suitors. The Cleveland Cavaliers lead the pack. In his first interview since the Cavs' season ended with a shocking, second-round loss to Boston, James told CNN's Larry King that Cleveland has "an edge" to re-sign him.

**NHL** NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly gently deflated any hope former Hartford Whalers owner Howard Baldwin had of reviving his long-lost franchise, saying yesterday he could not "foresee a situation where there will be another Hartford Whalers in Hartford."

**HOCKEY** Hockey Canada president Bob Nicholson concedes there is a chance women's hockey could be removed from the Winter Olympics because of a pronounced competitive imbalance, and says his organization is willing to help any rival nation looking to improve its program.

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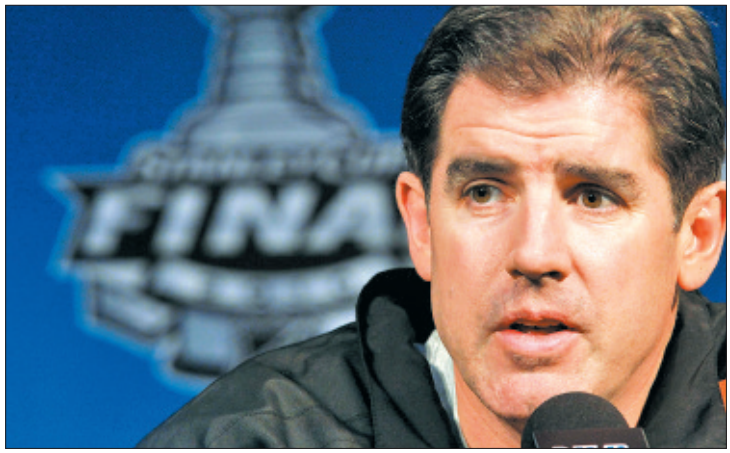
# Flyers coach targets Hawks goalie

**Peter Laviolette went on the offensive yesterday, questioning how long rookie Chicago netminder Antti Niemi can stay hot, while at the same time lamenting a lost chance to exploit "holes" in the Blackhawks' defence.**

The Philadelphia Flyers coach was probably trying to plant doubt in the minds of the Blackhawks after Chicago took the first two games of the Stanley Cup final on home ice. They now face Games 3 and 4 in the hostile confines of the Wachovia Center.

Game 3 is set for tonight (CBC, 8 p.m.), with the Flyers looking to rebound from a pair of closely contested, one-goal losses.

"We've got to put more pressure on their goaltender," said Laviolette. "He's a rookie goaltender playing in the Stanley Cup finals.



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Philadelphia Flyers head coach Peter Laviolette speaks yesterday during a news conference in Philadelphia. The Flyers and the Chicago Blackhawks face off again tonight in the Stanley Cup final.

"We have to get on the board here and put a little bit of doubt there."

If that wasn't enough, Laviolette had another shovel of pressure to throw on the 26-year-old Niemi, who took over the No. 1 job from Cristobal Huet midseason and has started every playoff game for Chicago.

"Our team is capable of scoring a lot of goals — put a lot of pressure on him," said Laviolette. "It's a tough position, goaltending.

"He's representing a city that hasn't won a Cup in 50 years (since 1961, actually). We have to give him a crack of doubt. We can do that (Wednesday) night."

Meanwhile, the Blackhawks seem to have already shaken the Flyers' Michael Leighton, a 29-year-old journeyman with sporadic NHL experience who took over between the pipes after a string of injuries to Philadelphia goaltenders.

Leighton, who had three shutouts in the Eastern Conference final against Montreal, gave up five goals on 20 shots before he was pulled in favour of Brian Boucher in Game 1. He had a better effort in Game 2, but a questionable second goal by fourth liner Ben Eager was the difference in a 2-1 defeat.

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## Leafs add assistant GM

**NHL** The Toronto Maple Leafs have appointed former NHLer Claude Loiselle their new assistant general manager.

Loiselle will focus on collective bargaining related issues, including contract negotiations, salary arbitration and cap management.

"We are extremely pleased to have Claude join our front office team," Leafs general manager Brian Burke said in a statement. "Along with Claude's experience as a player in the National Hockey League, his knowledge of the business side of the game will be a great benefit to our team."

Loiselle, 47, played 13 seasons in the NHL, from 1981-94. In 616 games with the Red Wings, Devils, Nordiques, Leafs and Islanders, he recorded 92 goals, 117 assists and 1,149 penalty minutes.

The Ottawa native spent seven years as associate director of hockey operations for the NHL and was involved in salary arbitration, discipline and collective bargaining.

Loiselle started his undergraduate studies while playing for the Islanders in 1992 and earned his law degree from McGill University in 1998.

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**Triplets for McGwire**
The wife of St. Louis Cardinals batting coach Mark McGwire delivered triplets yesterday. Stephanie McGwire had three daughters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Brian Tallet works against the Tampa Bay Rays last night in Toronto.

# Gregg blows lead

**Kevin Gregg is one of the reasons the Toronto Blue Jays have been able to make a season of low expectations far more interesting than anyone imagined.**

Lately, though, he's made the ninth inning an adventure.

The closer's penchant for trouble caught up with him in a big way last night, as he walked five batters and allowed just one hit, a pivotal three-run double by pinch-hitter Sean Rodriguez, that allowed the Tampa Bay Rays to rally for a 7-6 victory.

The messy ninth erased a 5-3 advantage for the Blue Jays (31-23), who were set to wrap up a fifth straight victory at the start of a tough stretch of schedule, and their second in a row versus the AL East leaders before a crowd of 13,439.

Brian Tallet came off the disabled list to throw 5⅔ scoreless innings, Adam Lind and John Buck each knocked in a pair of runs while Fred Lewis homered in the first and fell a triple short of the cycle. But some shaky bullpen work frittered away a comfortable five-run lead, and set the stage for Gregg's third blown save in 17 chances this season.

Gregg (0-2) issued one-out walks to Carl Crawford (who he later had picked off at second base but threw the ball into centre field for an error) and Evan Longoria and two-out passes to John Jaso and Ben Zobrist before Rodriguez's blow.

Another walk to Dioner Navarro ended Gregg's night, but he went after home plate umpire Angel Hernandez on his way off the field, getting himself tossed. It was Hernandez's second ejection of the inning, after giving Tampa manager Joe Maddon the boot earlier when he argued after Carlos Pena took a third strike while trying to call for time.

Gregg hasn't had a three-up, three-down inning since May 9, a span of nine outings.

Vernon Wells missed a game-tying homer by a foot in the ninth, settling for an RBI double that was too little too late versus Rafael Soriano.

Earlier in the day, the Blue Jays acquired minor-league righty Ronald Uviedo from Pittsburgh for lefty Dana Eveland and assigned the 23-year-old to double-A.

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## Changing teams would cost NBA free agents

**CONTRACTS** New York. Chicago. Miami. LeBron James can leave Ohio for a new address in one of America's finest cities.

It might cost him, though.

Free agency isn't entirely free in the NBA, where walking away from your team could mean walking away from millions of guaranteed dollars — in James' case, perhaps $30 million.

And with a month to go before the deepest class of free agents ever hits the market, the question is: Would players really leave that much money on the table, even for a chance to play with one of the other superstars?

"That's a good question. I don't know. I don't know about them. I really don't know," Toronto's Chris Bosh said around mid-season. "It's a business, so that would be tough to do. You'd really have to make a big commitment to do that."

Having completed seven seasons, James and his marquee classmates will be eligible for first-year salaries of more than $16.5 million no matter where they sign.

The difference comes in the raises. A player signing with his own team is eligible for annual increases of 10.5 per cent, while a new team can only offer eight per cent bumps. The home team can also offer a sixth year, whereas maximum length deals for players joining new teams are only five.

Bottom line: James can get six years and perhaps $127 million by staying; five years, $97 million if he goes. (The exact figures can't be determined until next season's salary cap is set in July).

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### Tweet from Bosh

- Chris Bosh tweeted: "Someone just asked me where I'm going for 2010. I can't even escape the madness outside the country." Bosh had previously tweeted that he was vacationing in St. Tropez.

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**Blackhawks' win earns record rating for a Game 2**

The Chicago Blackhawks' win Monday night earned the best overnight U.S. television rating for a Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final on record. The Blackhawks' 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers drew a 4.1 rating and 7 share on NBC, the highest overnight rating since at least 1975. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Giant-killer Soderling knocks out Federer

**There will be a Grand Slam semifinal without Roger Federer for the first time in six years.**

French Open upset specialist Robin Soderling struck again yesterday, rallying past defending champion Federer in a rainy quarter-final, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. That ended Federer's record streak of reaching the semifinals in 23 consecutive major events.

The shocker was the second pulled off by Soderling in as many years at Roland Garros. He ended the reign of four-time champion Rafael Nadal in the fourth round a year ago, clearing the path for Federer to win his first French Open title and complete a career Grand Slam.

Federer beat Soderling in last year's final. Before yesterday, Federer was 12-0 against the big-swinging Swede, winning 28 of their 30 sets.

But Soderling's recent improvement was evident as he controlled rallies from the baseline with his thunderous strokes. Federer found himself on the defensive and unable to move forward.

Seeded fifth, Soderling saved a set point in the third set when he won a frantic rally, then won the set to take the lead shortly after a rain delay of 75 minutes.

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Sweden's Robin Soderling celebrates yesterday after defeating Switzerland's Roger Federer during a quarter-final match in the French Open at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

## Nadal No. 1?

- Because of Roger Federer's defeat, Rafael Nadal will reclaim the No. 1 ranking next week if he wins the French Open title. The upset raises the possibility of a Nadal-Soderling rematch in the final.

"It cannot be much better," Soderling told the crowd after his latest centre-court stunner. "It's great to play on this court. It's for sure my favourite Grand Slam."

His opponent Friday will be No. 15-seeded Tomas Berdych, who beat No. 11 Mikhail Youzhny 6-3, 6-1, 6-2. Berdych has yet to drop a set in five rounds.

The semifinal round Friday without Federer will be the first at a Grand Slam tournament since he lost in the third round of the 2004 French Open.

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## Sports in brief

**MLB** A Major League Baseball official says umpire Bill Hohn will be addressed "in a very stern way" after a confrontation with Houston pitcher Roy Oswalt led to the ejection of the Astros' ace. Bob Watson, the vice-president in charge of discipline, rules and on-field operations for MLB, told a Houston television station that Oswalt will not be penalized further after Monday's incident.

**SOCCER** Crystal Palace avoided becoming the first English club to be liquidated since 1992 when investors secured an agreement to buy the second-tier team's stadium. The CPFC 2010 consortium met the deadline yesterday set by administrators running the indebted south London club to strike a deal with Bank of Scotland.

**NFL** Ben Roethlisberger returned to the practice field yesterday for the first time since the Steelers' two-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback was suspended six games for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. Roethlisberger is taking part in the fourth week of the Steelers' five weeks of voluntary practices.

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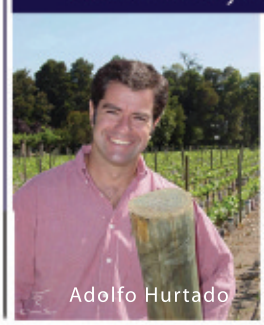


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# Workology

## Canada gives colleges $15M

Science and Technology Minister Gary Goodyear announced this week that 12 Canadian colleges will receive nearly $15 million under the College and Community Innovation (CCI) Program. Launched in 2007, the CCI program enables colleges to expand research transfer activities in their communities.
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# Sex and the City's economy

## How to skip the recession: Look stylish and be rich, just like fans want it

**Early on in Sex and the City 2, Charlotte, Carrie's stay-at-home-mom-on-Park-Avenue friend, is making pink-frosted cupcakes with her daughters.**

One of the girls is also finger-painting, and suddenly she smacks her mom on the rear, leaving two bright red handprints on a cream-coloured Valentino skirt. "Lily!" Charlotte screams in fury. "This is VINTAGE!"

Let's leave aside the credulity-straining sight of a mother — any mother — making cupcakes and supervising finger-painting in vintage Valentino. Much less in cream.

Because the scene is typical of the film in another way. Charlotte, who doesn't work but has a live-in nanny, is clearly not suffering a whit from the recession that's hit New York since the first film. Neither is Carrie or Miranda — nor Samantha, unless you can blame menopause on the recession.

In fact, the downturn is virtually nowhere to be seen in Sex and the City 2 — not in the still crazy-expensive fashions worn by all four women, the spacious apartments, or the wedding that opens the movie, featuring swans, a chorus in white tie and tails, and a wedding cake dripping in crystals.

As Carrie might say, "Recession, Schmecession!"

**"This isn't a documentary. I don't WANT to see a recession in this movie!"**
Fan Brayden LeBlanc

And most fans, if not critics, are saying: "Great! Because that's sorta what we came for."

That's how Brayden LeBlanc sees it. "Listen, movies are fantasy," said the marketing student in Los Angeles. "This isn't a documentary. I don't WANT to see a recession in this movie!"

Lindy Christopher feels the same way. Recently laid off from her job at a medical centre, she accompanied two friends at a Thursday afternoon showing of the film in midtown Manhattan.

"Everyone has a different life," said Christopher, 26. "This is their life, not mine," she said of Carrie and her friends. "It didn't bother me."

While some didn't care about the film's flaunting of wealth, not everyone feels that way.

Kasondra Williams is holding off a while before seeing the movie. She loved the TV show in its early days, when the characters were "young and cute and trendy," she said. But she's lost interest now that they are older and wealthier.

"A lot of people that are going to watch this movie are not as rich as they are," said Williams, 35.

"It's kind of a slap in the face to them. I also don't like the message that as long as you look cute, everything's going to fall into place."

"I thought, OK, it's a depression," explained the film's writer and director, Michael Patrick King, to the website collider.com. "In the Great Depression what did people do? And I thought extravagance. Let's put them on a big vacation."

After all, he said, "Nobody wants to see Carrie Bradshaw selling apples under a bridge. That would be just depressing."

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# Teaching by the sword

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**If you're sitting on the fence about where to put the kids this summer, you may be in the right place!**

Fencing is not a popular sport in Canada. But the sport is growing and can be a great to get into — especially for kids.

My Fencing Club (myfencing.ca) is a Toronto fencing school taught by Canadian National Champion Katya Belkina. Belkina, 35, emigrated from Russia to Canada six years ago and is quickly breeding a young and talented group. In just over a year, enrolment has skyrocketed from eight to 48 students.

"(Students) realize when they have the sword in their hands, they can apply any skills and values they have through that sword," she says. "When they come in, their self-esteem can be low; but when they see what they can do they become different people."

Belkina, whose parents were professional fencers in the former U.S.S.R., started training with her at the age of eight.

"Fencing is in my blood. My passion spills out," she exclaims. "It's not a business, it's a passion!"

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Katya Belkina, owner and instructor of My Fencing Club. Five of her students qualified for the Ontario Games in August, while four will attend the National Championship in June.

She's toured across the former Soviet Union as a fencer, where she compares the sport's popularity to hockey in Canada. Eventually, she gave up high-level competition to pursue her education. After earning her PhD in economics and entering the corporate world, she knew there was something missing. She became a fencing instructor at a private school in the city and in April 2009, opened up My Fencing Club.

**"When they come in, their self-esteem can be low; but when they see what they can do they become different people."**
Katya Belkina

Parent Connie Freitas says her 11-year-old son connected to fencing instantly.

"He feels special when he comes here," she says.

Freitas explains Belkina's ability to recognize, encourage and cultivate her son's leadership traits led her to believe Belkina held a PhD in psychology, not economics. In August, her son will compete at the National Championship. He started the program as a full-time student in January.

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# Punishment must fit crime

WorkplaceLaw

**"Virtue is its own punishment."** ANEURIV BEVAN

Workplace misconduct may be real. But sometimes it still leads to a paid vacation.

Machine operator Martin Jazarevic had a handful of problems at his job. Working at the Oakville, Ont., factory of automotive parts supplier Schaeffler Canada, Jazarevic needed to pay attention to detail. Jazarevic had to regularly inspect his machine and ensure his work product met his employer's specifications.

For six years there were very few problems. Then, however, following the death of his wife, Jazarevic's work started to suffer. He produced non-conforming parts and was forced to participate in a coaching session to review his error. According to the company's progressive discipline policy, Jazarevic first had to be warned and then, after three more infractions in any 12 month period, he could be dismissed.

Jazarevic's errors mounted and his absenteeism rose. He continued to receive disciplinary notices and after producing more faulty parts, he was confronted by his group leader to discuss his ongoing concerns. Jazarevic explained that he was having issues outside of work so he was taken to see the company's nurse who asked him to apply for short term disability and told him to see a doctor. That same day, Jazarevic was diagnosed with depression and alcohol dependency. He applied for disability and was supposed to receive pay for eight weeks.

While off work, Jazarevic was fired. Schaeffler's management decided that, since he had received four disciplinary warnings within a 12 month period, their decision was justified. Jazarevic disagreed and decided to sue.

In rejecting Schaeffler's defence, Justice Roland Haines was not impressed with its decision to dismiss an employee who had been approved for sick leave. As well, since Schaeffler claimed that it simply was relying on its policy in dismissing Jazarevic, it had to follow all of that policy's terms, which included a review of the circumstances of Jazarevic's situation before finally deciding his fate.

**"Canadian employers continue to allege cause for dismissal based on any perceived wrong."**

Canadian employers continue to allege cause for dismissal based on any perceived wrong. In cases of theft or fraud, they are justified, but in most cases they are not. Judges continue to require employers to show that they investigated misconduct, considered any mitigating circumstances and first offered coaching to any employee they wish to fire without notice: The punishment must fit the crime.

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We are all interconnected, and social networks make it easier to stay connected. Social networks can be a gigantic waste of time, or enhance the quality of our lives. It's not the tool itself but how we use it that counts. A hammer in the wrong hands can smash a thumb but, in the hands of a master craftsman, proper tools create beautiful things.

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The goal of asking these questions is to stay connected to the person and the organization's purpose, values, and strategic framework. Listen from the perspective of what it's like to be the other person, rather than trying to get them to see your point of view. They will be more interested in your ideas after they sense your genuine interest in them and their commitments.

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# Magentis a charmer

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada

**If you've never heard of the Kia Magentis, you're not alone. Despite the success Kia has enjoyed here in recent years, the Magentis may be one of the most obscure cars in the Canadian market.**

I recently spent a week with the 2010 Magentis, a loaded SX-V6 model, which lists for $30,795, and came away with the feeling that the biggest problem with the car is that it just doesn't get noticed.

It blends in with the crowd so much that it gets lost in the shuffle not a good thing in a mid-size segment with so many excellent automobiles like Toyota Camry, Honda Accord, Chevy Malibu, Ford Fusion and, of course, the popular Sonata.

The four-door, five-passenger Magentis starts life in LX trim with a five-speed manual transmission and a 175 hp 2.4-litre inline four-cylinder engine. Priced at $21,995, it features six airbags, four wheel disc brakes with ABS, electronic stability control, cruise control, an audio system with AM/FM/CD/MP3 and six-speakers and steering wheel controls, keyless entry, manual air conditioning, heated front seats, windshield wiper de-icer and 16-inch wheels. All in all, it's a pretty impressive entry-level package. A five-speed automatic transmission adds $1,200 to the price.

My tester was nicely outfitted inside with leather seats, aluminum accents and more use of chrome than in the LX. It was spacious and comfortable, but with a bit too much of a plastic look for a $30K-plus car.

This is more of a driver's car than the other trim lines as it has a sport-tuned suspension and steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters. I'm not sure how often drivers would use these paddle shifters, but it's a nice touch nevertheless.

The interior appears very spacious with generous rear seat legroom, certainly on par with others in the segment. Trunk room is generous and the 60/40 split rear seats can also be folded down to add to the cargo capacity.

The cabin is quiet and comfortable at speed and although this trim level was equipped with the sport suspension, the ride tends toward the comfort side of the ledger, handling bumps and potholes without too much jarring.

### 2010 Kia Magentis

**Type:** Four-door mid-size sedan.
**Price:** $21,995 to $30,795
**Engine:** 2.4-litre 16-valve DOHC inline four-cylinder engine; 2.7-litre 24-valve DOHC V6
**Fuel Economy:** 2.4L engine 9.4L/100 km city, 6.2L/100 km highway; 2.7L engine 10.5L/100 km city, 7.0L/100 km highway.

### Highlights

- Quiet, comfortable ride
- Spacious interior

The 2010 Kia Magentis is a comfortable and roomy, mid-size family sedan.

Subaru Canada is offering two new Forester models.

# Forester's outdoor packages add to summer fun

**NEW MODELS** Subaru Canada is offering two new Forester models, just in time for summer fun. Each is designed to enhance the compact SUV. The Outdoor Package enhances Forester's go-anywhere utility, and the Sport-tech adds a range of advanced features for even more fun-to-drive performance.

Outdoor aficionados can choose between the Forester 2.5X Outdoor Package ($25,995 with manual transmission) and the Forester PZEV Outdoor Package ($28,095). For driving enthusiasts, Subaru also offers the new 2.5X Sport-tech (MSRP $28, 695 with manual transmission) with its added technology and performance features.

"Every Forester is both an exciting driver's car and a hard-working SUV; these new models simply allow owners to focus a little more directly on their own needs and preferences," said Katsuhiro Yokoyama, president of Subaru Canada.

The Outdoor Packages include: Aerodynamic crossbars; trailer hitch; cargo tray and protective mat; retractable cargo cover and rear bumper step pad.

The new Sport-tech starts with the Forester Touring package and adds: 17-inch Forester XT type wheels; Pioneer AVIC in dash navigation/audio system with detachable touch screen.

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**Bond Aston up for bid**

The 1964 Aston Martin DB5 featured in the James Bond movies Thunderball and Goldfinger will be auctioned at the RM Auction's annual Automobiles of London event later this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The Can-Am Sypder (RS model seen here) is slowly creeping on public consciousness with its ongoing campaign.

# Awesome threesome

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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The last time I drove a three-wheeler I didn't wear a CSA-approved motorcycle helmet nor sign a five-page waiver.

But unlike my SuperCycle tricycle of long, long ago, the 2010 Can Am RS Spyder is packing a106-hp 990-cc V-twin engine and is actually allowed on the highway. So helmet use is not only prudent, it's the law. And I'm totally OK with waivers. Believe me, if there was some way I could "waiver myself" on occasion, to protect myself from myself, I would.

Notwithstanding the waiver and the helmet requirements, the good people running this ride and drive event, tell me that this three-wheeler is safe, safe, safe.

"The entire purpose of this three-wheel design is its inherent stability," says Ben DaPonte, a district sales manager with Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP).

"It is designed to give you the same wind in your face motorcycle experience, but with the safety features of a sports car, such as ABS, stability control, and traction control."

Yes, this is the same Bombardier firm from Quebec, which brought us the Ski-Doo and Sea-Doo. BRP has been making the Spyder at its Valcourt, Que., facility for three years already. (The very first Spyder RS was sold to Jay Leno.)

But you're not alone if you are suddenly more aware of them. For one thing, the company is currently running its first print and TV advertising campaign. The campaign was precipitated around the arrival of Can-Am's new touring model, the Spyder RT.

"For the first couple of years, we never ran a single ad," notes DaPonte.

## Triple whammy

- **Can-Am Spyder RS $19,299; Can-Am Spyder RT $24,499:** Homegrown goodness
- **Campagna T-Rex 14R $51,999 (US); Campagna T-Rex 14RR $56,000:** Another three-wheeled Quebec thing, most car-like, with enclosed cabin and over-the-top performance
- **Harley-Davidson Trike $33,109:** Harley's first production trike, with two wheels out back.

For those initial Spyder RS years, the firm's publicity efforts centred on press functions, and ride and drive events. It continues to use the "ride and drive" lever to get the word out. I participated in their Toronto event in late May, but they're doing these right across North America all summer long (see tryspyder.com).

Sales so far, "has far exceeded our expectations," said DaPonte.

The Spyder RS I took out, was my first (powered) three-wheeler. If you're used to motorcycles and their leaning ways, the Spyder will feel oddly "level" around corners. Make no mistake, however, that it rips around corners, though a lot of that happens through computer-controlled technology.

The controls differ slightly. My tester had the optional semi-automatic transmission. No clutch. Gears are selected sequentially, via a thumb-activated selector on the left handlebar. One brake pedal, by your right foot, activates all three brakes. Simple as pie.

I'm even warming up to the styling, which I initially thought was "too Ski-Doo" and seemed always to look better when there was no rider sitting on it — not quite as integrated as the rider/motorcycle oneness.

But I'll leave you with this: I'm definitely intrigued and interested, and want to take one out for a long ride.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Ford's Smartguage can be found in the Fusion hybrid.

# Ford's Smartguage teaches green lessons

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Driving Force

You know that you should drive in a fuel-efficient manner to save gasoline, but do you always know if you're doing the best you can? Ford has made it easier with the SmartGauge, found on the Fusion Hybrid.

The gauge, which can be programmed into one of four levels of information, was named the winner of the 2010 Best New Green Technology by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) in February, along with Fusion's hybrid system.

"We designed the cluster to coach the driver to maximize fuel efficiency," says Sonya Nematollahi, Ford driving information engineering supervisor. "We did a lot of customer research and it came to this concept of coaching. Drivers don't want to be preached, but like a good coach, you're rewarding them."

Drivers are rewarded by a picture of a vine, which "grows" leaves during fuel-efficient driving. If your foot is too heavy, the leaves fall off. The picture can be shut off if it's considered too distracting, but Nematollahi says the gauge was carefully researched to avoid drawing too much attention.

"We used a virtual test that simulates road conditions, and customers came in and drove it," she says.

"Through the feedback, we made changes to the gauge to make it perfect, so it won't be distracting. We studied colours that weren't too fatiguing or wouldn't wash out in the sun. It was important for the information to be very clear and concise to the driver, so they could glance down quickly, see it, and get their eyes back on the road."

Indeed, since the leaves appear in a cluster, rather than a straight line that might encourage the driver to count them, a quick glance is sufficient to judge how well you're doing.

The gauge's LCD screens can be programmed with incremental amounts of information. Especially useful is a gauge that shows how close the vehicle is to running solely on electricity: the driver can run more often on the battery if he or she knows exactly when to let off on the throttle.

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# Cavalier/Sunfire cheap to run, repair

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
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Second Gear

Chevy Cavalier (pictured), along with Pontiac Sunfire, are popular options where price and value are concerned.

**MODEL:** 1995 to 2005 Pontiac Sunfire / Chevrolet Cavalier
**VEHICLE TYPE:** Sedan / Coupe
**APPROXIMATE PRICE RANGE:** $1,500 to $5,000

**HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:** The Cavalier and Sunfire were two mechanically-identical GM small sedan or coupe models sold under the Chevrolet and Pontiac brands, respectively. Sharing the J-Body platform, these twins were eventually replaced by the Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 Pursuit.

The Cavalier and Sunfire weren't out to set any records for refinement or performance, but they're a popular choice where price and value are concerned.

Coupe, convertible or sedan models were available with four-cylinder power and automatic or manual transmissions. With relatively plentiful selection, finding an ideal used candidate in your price range should be fairly easy.

Older machines got a low-tech 2.2 litre unit with 115 or 120 horsepower, depending on the year. This engine wasn't fancy or fast, but it was decent on fuel, simple, reliable, and cheap to repair.

Optional was a 2.4 litre four-cylinder engine with dual overhead cams. It was employed in the sportier Cavalier Z24 and Sunfire GT models, and created 155 horsepower. Some owners argue that this is the "least" reliable engine in the model range, though it is the most powerful.

Later in life, the Cavalier and Sunfire got a new 2.2 litre, 140 horsepower ECOTEC unit that replaced both earlier engines from 2002 and onwards.

**WHAT OWNERS LIKE:** Owners typically selected the Cavalier and Sunfire Coupe models for their sportiness and styling, with the sedan variants typically chosen for their overall sensibility.

According to many owners, the Sunfire and Cavalier were also refined and comfortable relative to their price.

**WHAT OWNERS HATE:** Common complaints tend to deal with unwelcomed sounds — including squeaks and rattles, road noise and squealing brakes. Some owners wish for more power from the older 2.2 litre engine, too.

**COMMON ISSUES:** Start your test-drive by inspecting all interior electronics for proper operation– including power windows, the sunroof and the climate control fan speed selector. The latter should work on all speed settings, not just "high." If that's not the case, a new blower-motor resistor is likely needed.

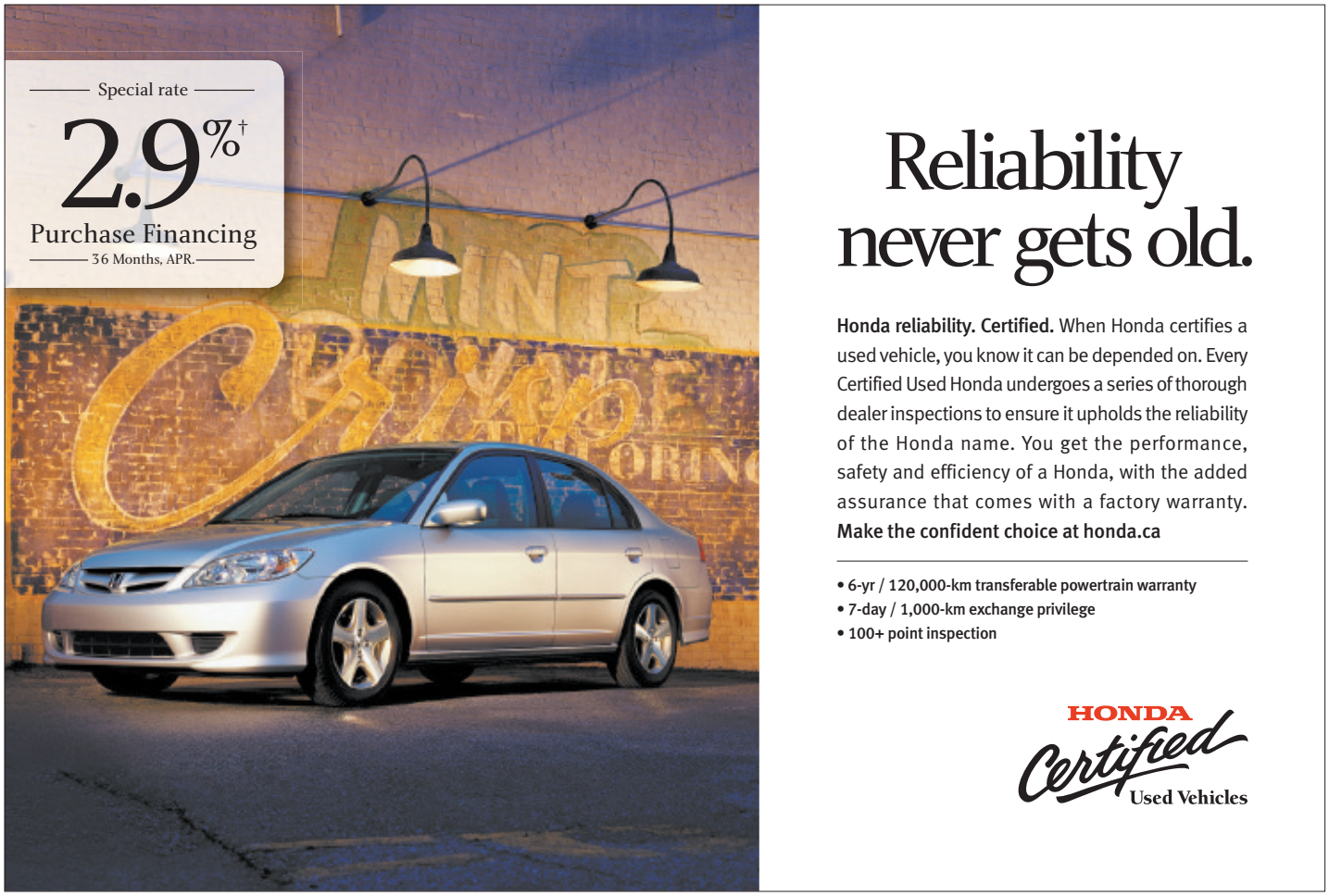
Does the car sound like it's got a trunk full of junk when driven over bumps? If so, worn out strut mounts are probably to blame.

Similar sound effects from the front end indicate that mechanical attention is needed, too.

Avoid a model with extensive body or powertrain modifications, and be sure to inspect the car fully for rust — including beneath the vehicle and under the carpeting in the trunk and footwells.

Finally, check the condition and level of all fluids, budgeting for a full fluid change and tune-up if you're unsure of the vehicle's service history.

**THE VERDICT:** As with any used car, maintenance is key. If you find a deal on a J-Body that's been well taken care of, you'll likely find it a low-cost and decently reliable ride. Just stay on top of the prescribed regular maintenance to keep it that way.



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**Zoe vs. Renault**

A Parisian woman called Zoe Renault is trying to prevent Renault Cars from calling its new electric car "Zoe." The student is begging the French car manufacturer not to use her 'identity' in naming the car. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

# Collins loves retro ride

## Carlawood star can't enough of those Brit Jaguars

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A 1995 Jaguar XJ6, similar to the one owned by Carla Collins

**Name:** Carla Collins

**Famous for:** Canadian-born comedian, former host of CTVs ENow, actress and writer who currently stars in the second season of TV-Tropolis's Carlawood, a humorous reality series about her quest for fame in Los Angeles.

**Her drive:** A maroon-burgundy 1995 Jaguar XJ6. I bought it in 2008. It's retro! I love Jaguars. For me they've always been the car of choice. Jags and Saabs.

**Why this care?** I drove a Jag in the past. I have to tell you, I kind of dig it's Britishness. The grandmother of someone in my yoga class in L.A. owned it, so it had hardly been driven. I mean it's in mint condition. It's got the wood, the things that go down the back for tea service. I like that it's classic. It's very warm, the leather and wood interior. I've always loved the shape of it. To me, Jags are sexy.

**Any other cars:** I also have a 2002 Sebring It's what I drove my dog Buster down to L.A. in when I moved here in 2007. I'll probably always have it just to cart the dogs around in.

**What type of driver are you?** I must admit I'm a bit bipolar. I can be pretty aggressive, but when the dogs are in the car, I become grandma Milly. Driving here, you're in traffic a lot, so it's not like you're on the autobahn. And you have to be really cautious. I've never been pulled over. I wanted no trouble with green card.

**What would we find in you trunk today?** Four dead bodies. No no (laughs). A lot of yoga mats, a lot of dog paraphernalia, I think my dry cleaning might still be in there from yesterday, and then a bunch of copies of my latest book, Angel, Vampires & Douche Bags.

**"I like that it's classic. It's very warm, the leather and wood interior. I've always loved the shape of it. To me, Jags are sexy."**
Carla Collins

**Vanity plates?** God no, it's not my thing. There have been maybe two in my life that have actually made me chuckle because they're clever. Most are just cryptic.

**Dream car:** My ultimate dream car is a Jag convertible. That's what I'm working towards.

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Canadian comedian Carla Collins.

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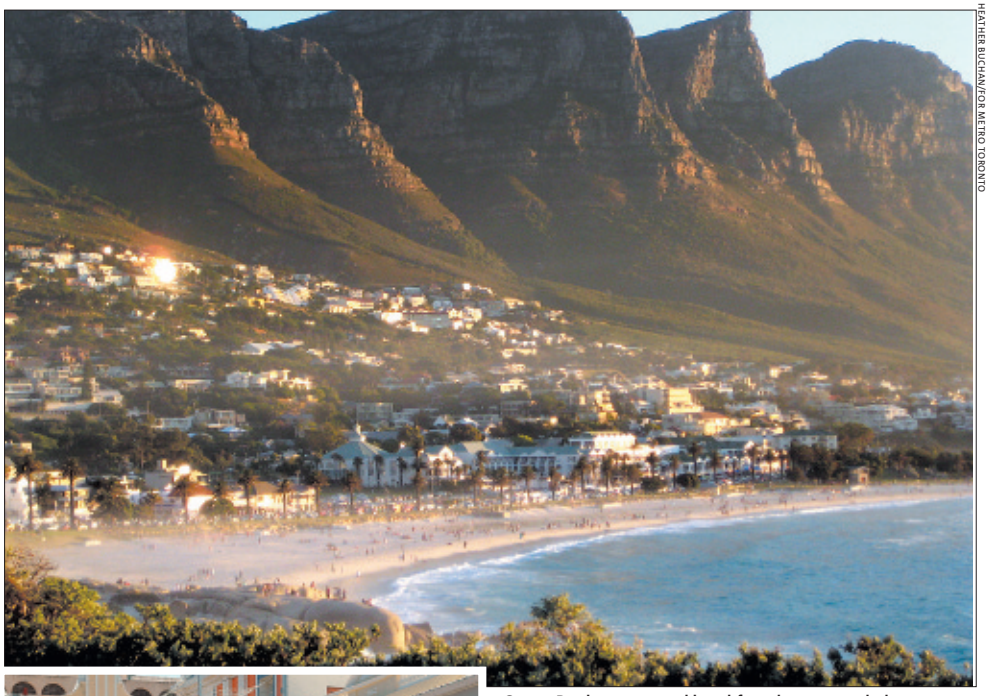
# 5 Cape Town World Cup pubs

## No tickets, no problem — here are the best places to watch games

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Toronto

**Aside from boasting one of the most spectacular settings in the world — framed by the Table Mountain to the east and the Atlantic Ocean to the west — Cape Town is well populated with pubs and bars to down a pint while watching the World Cup.**

Here are our top five picks to watch the beautiful game in Cape Town.



HEATHER BUCHAN/FOR METRO TORONTO

Camps Bay boasts several beachfront bars to watch the game

Long Street in Cape Town City Centre is home to a number of pubs including Mama Afrika.

### 1 Mama Afrika — City Centre

Located in the heart of eclectic Long Street in the city centre, this spacious restaurant and bar has a relaxed vibe that caters to the backpacking crowd that gravitates to this area of Cape Town. Mama Afrika also boasts a 12-meter-long bar shaped like a green mamba. Musicians play live music almost every night.

(178 Long St.)

### 2 Den Anker Restaurant and Bar — V & A Waterfront

This buzzing pub on the waterfront with breathtaking views of Table Mountain, specialized in Belgian beers. Its best-selling Anker beer is brewed exclusively for them and is served on tap. Den Anker also offers an award-winning wine list and a continental-style bistro.

The V & A Waterfront is certainly one of the most touristy areas in Cape Town and will be packed during World Cup. Pierhead, V & A Waterfront

### 3 Pulse — Green Point

Just outside the city centre and about a 10-minute walk from the V & A Waterfront (and a stone's throw from the soccer stadium) lies this humming seaside suburb where Pulse, a sports bar complete with big screens throughout, is a surefire bet to get optimal views of all the matches taking place throughout the World Cup. What it lacks in ambiance, it makes up for with five giant plasma screens and several projector screens strategically placed throughout. This is for serious sports enthusiasts. (23 Somerset Rd.)

### 4 Café Caprice — Camps Bay

Situated on the beachfront promenade overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in the trendy suburb of Camps Bay, Café Caprice is a more upmarket locale to catch matches at.

But the direct beach access and the area's vibrant pulse, make it a fun spot to spend an entire day. Despite its name, it is a lively spot to throw back a few tall boys while watching the matches on the big screen TVs behind the bar. Come sunset, you'll be hard-pressed to find a seat as it's the place locals head to. (37 Victoria Rd.)

### 5 Fireman's Arms — City Centre

One of Cape Town's oldest pubs dating back to 1864, Fireman's offers 13 beers on tap and traditional pub grub. They're famous for their Fireman's meat pie, laden with chili. Giant screens are set up, making it a great spot to catch a match amidst old-world charm.

(25-27 Mechau Rd.)

## World Cup
### Safety tips

**If you're heading to the South African World Cup you need to go prepared. This isn't a tourist trap and there won't be the usual comforts you are used to in resort travel. Here are some tips to keep you and your valuables safe while there.**

- Pay special attention to your surroundings at all times
- Wear clothes that blend in — you don't want to stand out in the crowd
- Don't flash jewelry and other expensive items. Leave them at home.
- Leave your passports and travel documents in a safe or other secure area at your hotel
- Don't hang your purse over the back of your chair
- Keep our wallet in a front pant pocket that's secure, never in a back pocket
- Don't carry around large sums of cash
- Keep a charged cell phone with your at all times
- A free booklet called The Complete Safety Guide for tourists in South Africa is available in hotels and tourist centres
- Call 10177 for an ambulance (free from any landline)
- Call 10111 for the South African Police Service Emergency (free from any landline)

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# Slide tackling Johannesburg's hotel costs

## Cheap and cheerful places to rest your head during South Africa's World Cup

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada

**As World Cup fever mounts, so too are the prices of hotel rooms in Johannesburg, where the opening and closing soccer matches will be held at two new state-of-the-art stadiums — Soccer City and Ellis Park.**

As a burgeoning cultural capital, this city of seven million people (known by locals as Jozi or Jo'burg) and South Africa's largest metropolis, has emerged from the dark era of apartheid with a pumping urban African culture.

If you haven't already booked your accommodation, get on it now, as many hotels, B&Bs, and hostels are already booked solid for the World Cup.

Here are a few cheap and cheerful places to stay that still have room around Johannesburg:

The Nelson Mandela bridge stretches across the train station in the heart of Johannesburg.

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Soccer City Stadium in Johannesburg.

Artwork on the wall of Soccer City Stadium.

### BOB'S BUNK HOUSE

Located in Gauteng, this hostel is close to the airport and offers two large dormitory-style rooms, two single rooms as well as a double room with an en-suite washroom.

Room rates include a light breakfast. Double room with en-suite: $44 Canadian

bobsbunkhouse.co.za
0027 (0) 11 453 2294.

### TOWN LODGE SANDTON GRAYSTON DRIVE

This hotel is just a three-minute drive to Sandton City, the shopping and entertainment hub of Johannesburg. It's also conveniently located close to all the motorways, making it easy to get to-and-from stadiums. Boasting a swimming pool, tea and coffee makers in each room, breakfast and free parking, it's a great price for what you get. Double room: $117 Canadian

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### SOUTHERN SUN KATHERINE STREET

Situated in the affluent Sandton neighbourhood, this friendly hotel is within walking distance of the Sandton City shopping centre, movie theatres, restaurants and bars. Aside from a swimming pool, it offers a foreign exchange service, complimentary 24-hour parking and an airport shuttle service. You can also enjoy meals and cocktails on a terrace overlooking landscaped gardens. Double room approximately: $48 Canadian

southernsun.com
0027 (0) 11 884 8544.

### AIRPORT LODGE GUEST HOUSE

Run by Coos and Phyllis Loots, this intimate bed and breakfast is just a five-minute drive from the airport and offers free airport shuttle service. Should you like to tour the city, the couple will arrange for a car and driver at a nominal rate to take you around. An English breakfast is included in the room rate and complimentary tea and coffee are available 24 hours. If you're driving, there is secure parking available on the premises as well. Double room: $34 Canadian

airportlodge.co.za,
0027 (0) 11 979 2365.

### SUNNYSIDE PARK HOTEL

This Victorian-style hotel, dating back to 1895 is a National Monument located in the leafy suburb of Parktown. It boasts a restaurant, terrace bar, pub, outdoor swimming pool, business centre, gym and complimentary shuttle service to and from the Killarny Shopping Mall. Standard room: $189 Canadian

thesunnyside.co.za

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# Volcano tourism exploding

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

**It may be the most foolhardy vacation on the planet — waiting for Mother Nature to get angry and spew super-heated rock into the sky before jumping on a plane for a close up view.**

But wow, what a view…

The power, beauty, and somewhat humbling fury of an erupting volcano is a rare sight which will stay with anyone lucky enough to witness it for a lifetime.

And there are few people in the world more qualified to help you than Australian scientist and volcano adventurer John Seach.

John has spent the last 22 years watching more than 150 eruptions and now provides both expertise to the world's TV and film crews and runs his own travel company Volcano Live (volcanolive.com)

He specializes in offering would-be explorers both drop-of-a-hat expeditions at the first sign of an eruption and treks to the caldera of known active volcanoes.

"There is currently a lot of interest in volcanoes with the latest eruption in Iceland," he said.

"Volcano enthusiasts come from all backgrounds and ages. The common factor is a sense of wonder for the natural world. Volcanoes are the most impressive of all natural events."

He advised that Volcano tourism is not for the faint-hearted and there are real dangers attached.

"However in 21 years of volcano tours, I have never had an accident."

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Volcano tourism has been on the boom since Iceland's erupted.

# World's most actively erupting volcanos

There are 1,500 live volcanoes in the world and every day 20 of them are erupting.

Some of Metro's regularly erupting favourites include:

**Kilauea, Hawaii**
**Height 1222 m**

One of the world's most active and spectacular volcanoes, constantly erupting since 1983. A large collapse occurred in November 2005. Lava flows destroyed three houses in February 2008. A trip includes viewing the lava flows at the coast, and hiking along the east rift zone to Pu'u O'o crater, the source of the lava flows.

**Yasur, Vanuatu**
**Height 405 m**

Yasur has erupted many times per hour for at least 800 years. Yasur has been called the Lighthouse of the Pacific because of the regular eruptions of up to 350m which are visible from sea. A three day trek takes you close to the crater where you will see spectacular lava eruptions.

**Arenal, Costa Rica**
**Height 1720 m**

The youngest stratovolcano in Costa Rica and one of its most active, Arenal's crater contains a lava pool.

Lava extrudes in a pulsating pattern and then overflows the crater rim and flows almost continuously down the north to southwest flanks. Pyroclastic flows are a known danger to tourists.

**Stromboli, Aeolian Islands, Italy**
**Height 926m**

Stromboli volcano has one of the world's longest recorded periods of activity. The active craters are located 100-150 m below Pizzo sopra la Fossa. A collapse depression called Sciara del Fuoco is located below the active craters.

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**Travel Smarter**

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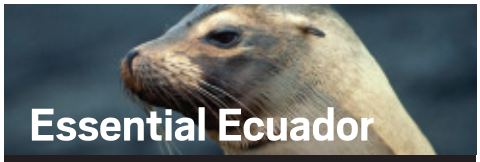


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# Touch down in Tel Aviv

## Organic markets and celeb restaurants makes this Israeli city a must

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

**Tel Aviv is only Israel's second city, but with its fabulous buzz, terrific beaches, easy-going vibe and sensational nightlife this is one city that knows the real pecking order.**

Metro found the places to eat, stay and play on a budget.

**DAILY BUDGET**
**$50**
**Orna and Ella**

The facade of this quirky vegetarian hangout is reminiscent of the British mandate era. Cosy and intimate, try the sweet potato pancakes and an espresso.

33 Sheinkin Street
03/620-4753

**Beit Immanuel Hostel**

A church hospice turned hostel, you can spend the afternoon snoozing in the beautiful garden enclave or head to the beach, which is no more than a five-minute walk away.

beitimmanuel.org

**Beach**

Make the most of the year round sunshine and tepid waters of the Mediterranean by taking in some of the great surfing (though Alma beach has strong currents.)

**DAILY BUDGET**
**$100**
**M & R Brasserie**

Popular with Tel Aviv's in crowd, the brass décor, plush leather couches are complimented by brusque (but friendly) service.

Try the house paté

**Hotel De La mer**

Designed using Feng Shui, the hotel is soothing, tranquil and relaxing.

Idyllicly located on the seafront, there's also a small, but excellent massage spa to make the most of. (delamer.co.il)

**Tel Aviv Port Antiques Fair and Organic Market**

A fabulously intriguing place where you can hawk bric-a-brac from old books, records and antique toys to furniture.

Delicious organic food stalls, too.

**DAILY BUDGET**
**$500**
**Manta Ray**

Metres from the beach and with scallops to die for, it's no wonder Madonna and other celebs have been spotted here.

**Nina Café Suite**

One of Tel Aviv's first boutique hotel's, Nina's offers in-room massages, daily fresh flowers and chocolates and L'Occitane luxury beauty products in the bathroom. (ninacafehotel.com)

**Designer Shopping**

Tel Aviv's main square contains the most luxurious shops in town. From YSL and Prada to fine art and Belgium chocolate, it's a shoppers' paradise.

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# Lose yourself in Lima's lure

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

**Lima was once the glittering hub of the Conquistadores' empire. Today it is often written off as stopover on the way to the Inca's Amazon treasures, but the city is an attraction in its own right.**

You should start at the National Museum of Archaeology, Anthropology and History of Peru (museonacional.perucultural.org.pe), in Plaza Bolívar s/n Pueblo Libre.

At Metro Travel we don't normally recommend museums, but this one is a bit special. Absolutely rammed with Inca and pre-Inca treasures, the museum gives a breath-taking insight into the civilizations wiped out by the Spanish. It is a great place to begin or end a visit to Peru.

**Tip**

- Remain aware at all times and avoid the 'wealthy foreigner look'.

If you've been there before, how about trying some of Lima's whitewater rafting — particularly on the Urubamba River. It's about four hours drive so it's best to chose a two-day package that offers pick-up and return to Lima (from about $50).

And if you're looking to cap off your night — it's all about the food. The country's incredibly diverse geography, history of immigration and thousands of years of indigenous farming means Lima is in the centre of a land that has both superb ingredients and the creative chefs to turn them into unique and delicious dishes.

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Head to Pueblo Libre and enjoy the 17th-century colonial buildings.

## Insider tips for travelling in Lima

Metro brings you the best food and insider tips for your trip to Lima.

**Best Supper Spots**

Astrid y Gaston (astridygaston.com) serves French-influenced Peruvian food. Try the duck over lucuma (a subtropical fruit, very popular as an ice cream flavouring).

At La Hamaca (+511 242 7978), not only are the dishes splendid (try the spicy chicken soup), but the house, which looks like a cinematically art-directed Mexican hacienda, is exuberant.

**Best Insider Tip**

For a truly authentic experience of old sophisticated Lima, head to the Taberna el Queirolo (+511 460 0441) in the neighbourhood of Pueblo Libre.

Enjoy a traditional pisco in an elegant 17th-century colonial building only yards from the Anthropological Museum.

**Best Read**

James Higgins's Lima, a Cultural and Literary History, is the finest book on Lima in English.

Mario Testino is rarely associated with his home city, but in Lima, the fashion photographer has photos of over 100 Peruvian artists, giving a unique insight to the city and the people.

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**Book something for Dad**

Just in time for Father's Day, the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort is making it easy to celebrate dad, while giving the whole family a fun-filled Caribbean getaway. Bookable through July 30 for travel through August 19, 2010 package prices starting at $198 per room per night sheratonnassau.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Bringing your clubs

- If you're travelling and want to bring your golf clubs with you most airlines will offer you an oversized baggage option.
- While some airlines don't charge for oversized baggage, on most you can expect a surcharge between $75 and $100.
- Keep in mind that price is one way and it might be cheaper to just rent some clubs when you arrive instead of bringing yours.

Golf tourism is one of the hottest travel trends right now.

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# Duffers beware on these greens

## Destinations boom for golfers

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

**Golf tourism is booming and with good reason. What could be finer than playing the game you love against a breathtaking back drop?**

"Golf" wrote Mark Twain "is a good walk spoiled." But behind this disparaging notion remains the basic truth that golf courses tend to be set in idyllic parts of the world. And this of course, irrespective of whether or not you swing a club, makes for perfect vacation locations. No surprise then that golf tourism is one of the biggest growth areas in travel. We've scoured the globe to find our favourite five.

### Celtic Manor Resort Usk Valley, South Wales

In October the golfing elite of Europe and America will descend on this beautiful corner of Wales for the Ryder Cup. The course was purpose-built for a previous Ryder Cup and is both suitably challenging and suitably glamorous. 1,400 acres of panoramic parkland, two hotels — a 330-room luxury Resort Hotel and the historic 19th century Manor House, spas, health clubs, sports and fishing facilities and five outstanding restaurants.

Cost: From $99 per night.
celtic-manor.com

### Vale de Lobo Portugal

Two challenging courses, Royal and Ocean, are set against the Algarve's crystal blue sea. Players will appreciate the dramatic cliff edge fairways while non-golfers will love the gorgeous beaches. Add in loads of other leisure facilities and top international cuisine and you may well have the perfect golf family holiday.

Cost: Green fees $155
valedolobo.com

### Cape Kidnappers Hawle's Bay New Zealand

Super dramatic location on a former 5,000-acre sheep station and one hellishly testing course. The cliffs are so high that a badly struck ball will take a full 10 seconds to hit the water. Fearsome ravines, contoured fairways and fast, tilted greens all make for a breath-taking round.

Cost: Suites from $400 per person, per night.
capekidnappers.com

### Leopard Creek South Africa

The water hazards here include baboons, crocodiles, giraffes and warthogs that come to drink in the streams of Leopard Creek, on the edge of the Kruger National Park. Perfect for in between World Cup games.

Cost: Packages booked through ascottours.co.za

### Green Monkey Barbados

The ninth plunges through walls of rock 100ft into a quarry. The 16th is a grassy island carved in the shape of a green monkey. Oh, and it's in the Barbados.

Cost: Rooms at Sandy Lane resort from $755 per night.
greenmonkeygolf course.com

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# Nothing bleak about Baikal

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

**Siberia might have a reputation for being bleak but there is nothing bland about Lake Baikal in Russia.**

Metro breaks down the things to see and do there.

**SEE**
**The Olkhon Island**

It is the most picturesque corner of Baikal. The most impressive views are from the Burhan, Hoboy and Sagan-Hushun capes but the lake is breathtakingly beautiful from every angle.

**HEAR**
**Music**

Turn off your iPod. Listen to the music of the waves and the wind on the needles of the Siberian pines. Take the sounds of nature to your soul and you will soon sense that it is even cooler than the last album by your favorite band.

**EAT**
**Fish from Baikal**

Locals recommend Arctic cisco or grayling in all its forms: bloated, salted, dried. Also try traditional Buryatian cuisine like pozy, something like a big meat dumpling.

**DRINK**
**Water from the lake**

Baikal is one of the clearest lakes in the world, so don't miss your chance to taste it.

**DO**
**Outdoor activities**

Tourist activities include swimming, fishing, photography and of course walking. You can also rent a boat and take a trip along the coast. And Baikal is the perfect place for meditation.

**DON'T**
**Use bad language**

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Downtown Lille comes alive with activity at night.

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This buoyant little city on the France Belgian border has a cheeky mix of charm, self-confidence, and downright prettiness that makes it hard to beat for a weekend break

**WHERE TO WAKE UP**
**Hotel Kanai**

This fantastic little boutique hotel right in the middle of the city is buzzing when you want it to be (Saturday night) absolutely silent when you don't (Sunday morning).

**SPEND THE MORNING**
**Grand Place**

This fabulous square is the beating heart of Lille and absolutely the place to start your exploration of the city. But first grab a coffee or a beer at one of the many café bars and just sit back and enjoy the beautiful Flemish architecture on all sides.

**WHERE TO LUNCH**
**Meert**

This little pastry shop has been serving up pastries to royals and peasants alike since 1761. It's not cheap ($4 for a cup of tea) so prepare for sharp intake of breath but it's classy and their speciality waffles filled with Madagascar vanilla are not to be missed.

**SPEND THE NIGHT**
**Barhopping**

The Art nouveau Le Carnot at 7 boulevard Carnot and Le Bateau Ivre at 41 rue Lepelletier are among the great pubs on the tourist trail, but you'll have just as much fun popping into the little bar tabacs and chatting with locals. Lille, unlike the rest of France, is very much a beer city.

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# Lviv ready for revival

## Cultural landmarks standing the test of time

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

**Just once in a while everything will come together for a city. Lviv in the western Ukraine feels like just such a city where the blend of low-costs, culture, and coolness is making it one of Europe's must-go destinations.**

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After years of Soviet rule, Lviv is showing its true self to the world

Some refer to Lviv as the "mini Vienna," others, the "Florence of the East" but the truth is, the edginess and even eeriness of the place make it very much its own destination. Chaotic architecture sees baroque facades rubbing shoulders with gothic, rococo and renaissance styles and it's polyglot past only adds to the surreal magic feel of the place. Cooped-up for 50 years under Russian Communist rule, Lviv is now ready to come out and play.

Lviv's coffee shops are quaint and cozy and the café culture is deeply rooted in everyday life. Bookworms can head to Kabinet, which doubles up as a library. There are nationalist scribbles across the wall and a Soviet feel still lingers.

Since the oppressive Soviet rule came to an end in 1991, Lviv has re-established its cultural scene. Galleries, museums and music venues are scattered all across town and diverse enough to suit all styles. The Lviv Art Gallery is Europe's biggest art museum, displaying works by Rubens and Goya. The quirky Pharmacy Museum is where you can taste medicinal iron wine and the Dzyga Art Cultural Centre has all sorts of antiques and modern art.

Repeated invasions have left Lviv with an open mind towards all faiths. Although bombed by the Nazis in 1941, the Golden Rose Synagogue is worth a visit, if only for the mosaic rosette adorning the floor. Or do Sunday mass at the Rococo St George Cathedral.

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# Entertainment

**Bret Idol**
A recent TVGuide.com poll shows 68 per cent of voters on the website want Poison rocker Bret Michaels to replace Simon Cowell on American Idol.
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# The life of the party

## Get Him to the Greek shines light on rock star excess

KAREN BLISS
for Metro Canada

**Just how far-fetched is Get Him to the Greek, the new movie by Forgetting Sarah Marshall director Nicholas Stoller, which reprises Russell Brand's rock star character from that film?**

In the comedy, which opens this Friday, record company exec Sergio Roma (Sean "P. Diddy" Combs) entrusts intern Aaron Green (Jonah Hill) with the task of getting England's Aldous Snow (Brand) to his 10-year anniversary concert at the Los Angeles Greek Theatre.

"He is rock music personified," Green notes, and the craziness ensues from your basic all-night party antics to the ol' drug balloon up the bum trick to clear airport security (a.k.a. "candy in the jar," as Roma puts it).

Many people might think the script is over the top, but ask anyone in the music business and they'll have at least one similar story. Toronto's R.J. Guha recalls promoting a concert in the mid-'90s by Lee Scratch Perry when the Jamaican reggae/dub legend refused to perform.

"He said, 'The hotel's haunted. I'm not staying here and I'm not playing.' We had to move him from the old Ramada on Jarvis to the King Eddy for three times the price," recalls Guha. "Then he decided to play and even then he was late, showed up and blew his whistle all night."

Record producer David Bendeth (Breaking Benjamin, Papa Roach, Hedley), a British-born Canadian now running his own studio in New Jersey, says "stuff happens" between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. — "that's when artists get into trouble." Knowing this, he doesn't schedule any recording sessions before noon, and still they "never" start on time. "Then we have the maid open the room and we find 33 beers on the floor. That's happened like 20 times."

**Get Him To The Greek opens Friday**

Cam Carpenter, who has done marketing, artist relations, publicity, marketing and A&R for the majors, recalls a misunderstanding with an English rock star when he didn't go backstage after a show. He had seen him earlier, but was later spotted hanging out with the opener. After the irate singer wailed on the label president, Carpenter had to rush to Ottawa to straighten things out.

"I called a limo to take me home to grab a change of clothes, went to Cherry Beach to catch an Air Canada helicopter to get to Pearson, flew to Ottawa, caught a limo to the venue and made it to soundcheck on time, only to find out he refused to see me," Carpenter says, sounding like this could be a follow-up to Get Him to the Greek.

Jonah Hill and Russell Brand star in Get Him to the Greek.

"I caught a drive to Montreal the next day, was turned down at soundcheck again and then one hour after the sold-out show was taken in to the dressing room for our one-on-one. He seemed happy to see me, we had a pint and whatever was bothering him seemed to be forgotten."

Chances are when Roma tells Green in the movie, "Your job is to control the artist. If he's too messed up, hit him with this adrenalin needle," that no other record exec has gone to that extreme. But there might be someone out there with a story like that.

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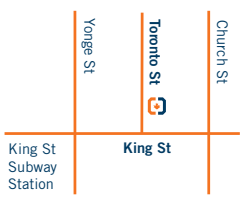


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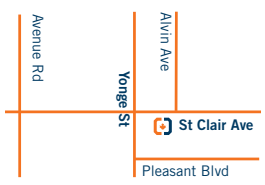


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# A peek into the real West Wing

**Moments before Elena Kagan is introduced to the nation as U.S. President Barack Obama's choice for the Supreme Court, the president turns to her and offers a mock-helpful suggestion: "Just don't trip. That'll be really embarrassing." Kagan chuckles and shoots back playfully, "It's very nice of you to say that."**

It's a small moment, recorded for history in a recent edition of West Wing Week, a video diary of presidential doings that the White House posts each week on its website, Facebook, YouTube and elsewhere.

Now entering their third month, the six- to eight-minute-long videos are promoted as "your guide to everything that's happening at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue."

That's a stretch. But they do serve as a chronological stroll through Obama's week, and roll in snippets of behind-the-scenes action at the White House and oddball bits of humour.

Obama spokesman Josh Earnest, who narrates the videos, says they help fill "the president's commitment to ensure his White House is the most transparent in history."

The view from outside is mixed: There is praise for another smart use of new media — and criticism of the end result as awkward and ineffective.

Kathleen Jamieson, an authority on political communications at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Center, says the videos allow the White House to give the impression of openness.

"That's the value of it before you've ever looked at the substance," she says.

But Jamieson said the finished product comes off as "amateur video," most useful to a high schooler who has to write a term paper about what the president does in a typical week.

"You could get the impression from this that the president does a lot of things," Jamieson said. "You wouldn't know that any of them are important."

Yet GOP strategist David All, who is organizing a fall conference on the Internet's role in activism, media and politics, thinks the videos are both entertaining and effective.

SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

White House videographer Arun Chaudhary started the West Wing Week video diaries that appear on Facebook and YouTube.

The videos may contain a lot of fluff, he said, "but for the most part it can be useful for the president." They blend backstage colour and humour with standard political messages and information about Obama's activities, he said. They also could be a valuable historical record of Obama's presidency, All said.

The videos often end with a light moment, and the first one gave a small nod to the creator of the weekly series.

As Obama is seen striding into the White House, he asks an unseen cameraman, "Arun, why are you filming me now?"

That would be White House videographer Arun Chaudhary. He said in an email he got the idea to do West Wing Week because he had "lots of interesting clips that couldn't really stand on their own, but did when collected together."

The West Wing series made its debut this spring amid concerns among White House reporters that the Obama administration is trying to control its message by limiting press access and substituting its own photos and video of certain events. While there are ongoing concerns about access overall, Caren Bohan, a Reuters reporter and member of the White House Correspondents Association board, said there's no indication the West Wing videos are costing reporters access.

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**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**

After a journalist is found murdered in her bed with an X carved in her cheek, Cragen (Dann Florek) remembers a similar case 30 years earlier, when the "Bedtime Butcher" murdered five women. The trail leads Benson and Stabler (Mariska Hargitay, Christopher Meloni) to a patrol cop (guest star Jaclyn Smith) and the prime suspect's jealous ex-lover (Ann-Margret) and also sends Benson on a dangerous undercover mission in "Bedtime." 10 PM on NBC

**CMT on the Beach**

Where was this show back in February when we were shivering? CMT hosts Elissa Lansdell, Lindsay Stone, Paul McGuire and Joel Stewart are at the Beaches Boscobel Resort in Jamaica for a tuneful four-part series. Each episode features a special guest performer; among those scheduled are Lady Antebellum, Darius Rucker and One More Girl. 6 PM on CMT

## Crime writer as tough as his stories

**BOOKS** James Ellroy in person is like his acclaimed crime books — serious, unflinching and as blunt as a punch in the face if you rile him.

But he's happy to sign your books if you ask him.

The enigma that is Ellroy, one of the deans of international crime writing, was on display yesterday when he met reporters before the launch of the French-language version of his latest book, Blood's a Rover.

"Don't cut me off," he warned one reporter who butted in as he replied, his voice rising. "You can't cut me off and remain in this press conference. I don't let anyone interrupt me."

Blowing off the ripped-from-the-headlines trend in crime writing, the author of such acclaimed bestsellers as L.A. Confidential and The Black Dahlia says his instincts — not current events — tell him what to write.

His newest book, Blood's a Rover, completes his Underworld U.S.A. trilogy, which also includes 1995's American Tabloid and The Cold Six Thousand, which came out in 2001.

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# Global hits Hawaii

**Canadian actors were left disappointed yesterday when Global TV announced that only one homegrown show will air in its fall prime-time lineup, which includes a new remake of the '70s cop show Hawaii Five-0, the Texas oil drama Lonestar, and call-centre comedy Outsourced.**

Alex O'Loughlin and Scott Caan in a scene from Hawaii 5-0.

The Canadian show, Shattered, a police drama starring Callum Keith Rennie, has also been slotted into the Friday night lineup at 9 p.m., which has traditionally been a difficult day for shows to thrive.

"We're not happy with that, the one hour of dramatic programming on their entire schedule is wholly inadequate in our view," said Stephen Waddell, the national executive director of the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists.

"We had hoped for better, we had hoped they'd get off their addiction to U.S. programming.

"What's the point of having Canadian private broadcasters if they're just going to continually simulcast U.S. programming to Canadians?"

But Barbara Williams, executive vice-president of content for Canwest Broadcasting, defended the company's commitment to Canadian programming, especially when considering all the homegrown shows airing across its specialty channels.

"We'll put upwards of $160 million to $170 million of Canadian content on the schedules this year," she said, including Top Chef Canada on Food Network and Wipeout Canada on TVtropolis.

She added that "a number" of new Canadian shows will be announced for mid-season.

"I think we've got a really well-balanced world of understanding the role American content plays in our business, but using it to drive audiences and drive promotional opportunities to ensure our Canadian content is the best it can be."

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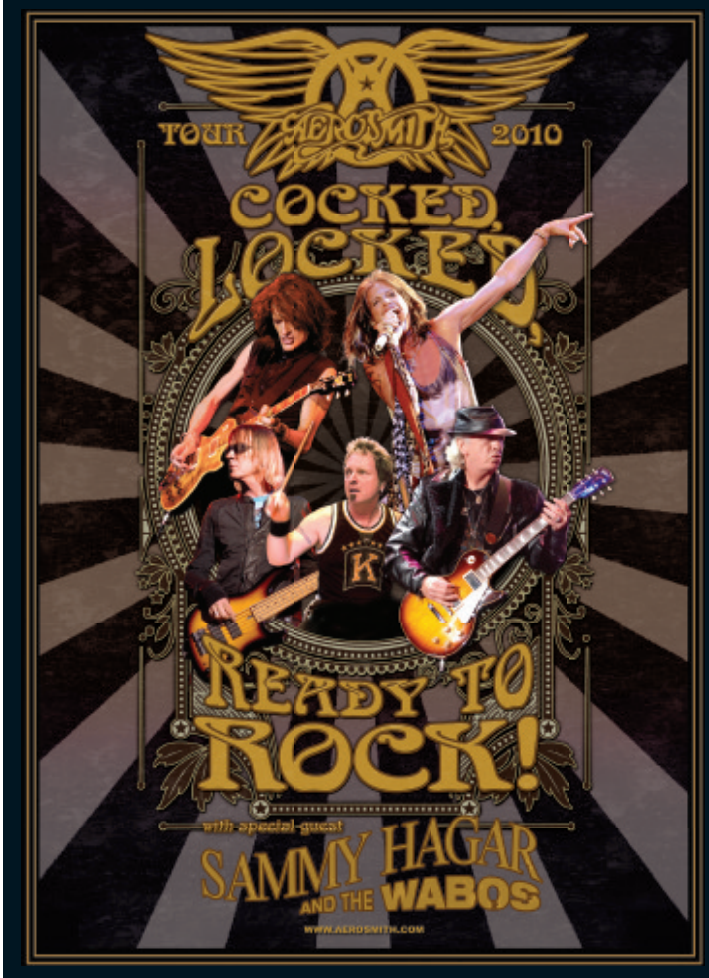


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# The perfect match

## Broken Bells pairs Danger Mouse with Shins singer

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

**The Shins' lead singer, James Mercer has had a pretty successful career. But that didn't stop him from feeling nervous around Brian Burton, a.k.a. Danger Mouse, a.k.a. one-half of Gnarls Barkely and Mercer's new bandmate in Broken Bells.**

"I had this worry about whether I was good enough," says the Grammy-nominated singer from his home in Portland. "Who can sing as well as Cee-Lo (the other half of Gnarls Barkley)? He's the best."

It didn't help that playing with Burton marked the first time in years that Mercer collaborated with someone other than his Shins bandmates in a serious way.

"There were moments where I was like, 'I'm in another band.' It's the first time I had done that — I've been playing with the same people since 1992."

But Burton is the king of collaboration — besides playing with Cee-Lo, he's worked with MF DOOM, Beck, Sparklehorse The Black Keys, Gorillaz and the list goes on. Danger Mouse's long resume helped put the nervous singer at ease. "Brian just sees playing with me as a different style," he says. "And he loves what I do with The Shins so he knew what I was about."

James Mercer says Danger Mouse, his partner in Broken Bells, "loves what I do with The Shins so he knew what I was about."

The way this album was made was also a new experience for Mercer. In The Shins he writes all the songs himself ("It's partly the MO of The Shins that it would be my thing," he says). With Broken Bells he and Burton wrote the songs in the studio — Mercer didn't even have any music to show him beforehand.

It's hard to tell whether or not the in-studio collaboration was the ideal way to make this record. Burton and Mercer have two distinct styles — the former is an expert at crafting groove-heavy beats, the latter is all about bright indie pop — and both show up here, perhaps a little too often.

But what they both do well is craft catchy songs and this record is full of them. The best tracks include the somber sounding Citizen and the weird, almost waltz-like Sailing to Nowhere, where Broken Bells sounds like an actual band and not two talented guys from other acts playing together.

Mercer says he didn't think too much about avoiding The Shins sound. He left that up to Burton. "I'm not that advanced to be thinking about it," he says. "Brian has a much broader view of production, so he probably was thinking about it."

There's no question that the twosome's debut is a solid pop disc, but the more they play together the better they'll sound on their next effort. And, there will be a next record, as long as Burton's got room in his schedule to write one.

"I would definitely do another record," says Mercer, adding that writing a new Shins album is next on his to-do list. "But it depends on Brian. He does all kinds of things. Who knows he might be writing novels and will have to say no."

### In Concert

- Broken Bells performs tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

**Victoria's Secret model to replace Fox**
Entertainment Weekly is reporting that Victoria's Secret model Rosie Huntington-Whiteley will replace Megan Fox in the newest Transformers movie being directed by Michael Bay. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# TV teen with something extra

**From those to whom much is given, much is expected.**

That even applies to the seemingly shortchanged 15-year-old RJ Berger, who sizes himself up for the audience as "scrawny and weird-looking, awkward and pale."

The hero of the new MTV scripted comedy The Hard Times of RJ Berger, he follows in a rich TV tradition of winsome misfit adolescents — kids with smarts, creativity and spunk lurking just beneath the surface of their systematic victimhood.

But RJ comes with a bonus tucked away in his boxer shorts: He's extremely well-endowed.

Thus does Hard Times raise issues that consume males from their early adolescence onward: How much is big enough? Why don't I have more? Why is life so unfair? A show aimed at teen and twentysomething guys (plus girls with their own interest in the subject),

Here is a young man whose gift (never witnessed by viewers, of course, and thus enhanced even more in the mind's eye) is plenty big enough, and then some.

And yet, doggonit, RJ's life isn't perfect. For RJ, a large penis is as much a curse as a blessing, as much a burden as an object of pride.

As what could be described as The Wonder Years meets Boogie Nights, the 12-episode series premieres Sunday at 11 p.m. EDT. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A scene from the new MTV series The Hard Times of RJ Berger.


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**Separation temporary**

While Heidi Montag's separation from Spencer Pratt has been confirmed by her rep, friends of the MTV reality star insist it's only temporary. "There are no plans for divorce," the friend tells Us Weekly. METRO WORLD NEWS

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@ladygaga In a Pub in England, ruining bar napkins with lyrics and memories. Dreams are never weak like we are, drunk or sober.

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# Meet the new face of Ashley Madison

**PROMOTING ADULTERY TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?!** Jesse James' infamous former lover, Michelle "Bombshell" McGee, has signed a deal to star in TV ads for the pro-adultery dating site AshleyMadison.com.

In an interview with CTV's eTalk program McGee says she did so to ensure her two kids have a roof over their heads and food on the table.

The Montreal native had an 11-month affair with James — actress Sandra Bullock's soon-to-be ex-husband — and the media frenzy surrounding their relationship escalated after pictures of McGee and James emerged on the Internet in Nazi costumes.

But McGee says in the interview that she doesn't believe posing in a Nazi costume indicates any conscious display of racism or prejudice against Jews on her part.

As for Bullock, McGee says the Oscar-winning actress owes her a debt of gratitude for exposing James and letting her know he cheated on her.

The first part of the interview aired Monday and concludes Tuesday.

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# Cooper squashes Aniston rumours

**NO HOLLYWOOD MATCH BETWEEN THESE TWO** Bradley Cooper is finally setting the record straight on his rumored relationship with Jennifer Aniston last year. "I'm reading about me taking Jennifer Aniston to my Bel Air mansion and having a candlelit dinner, and I was like, 'That's crazy. Never happened,'" Cooper tells Details magazine.

He says the tabloid reports even gave him and the former Friends star something to joke about. "'Hey, we should hang out — the other dates that we never had went so well,'" he remembers saying to her. But he's not willing to dish on current girlfriend Renee Zellweger, saying, "I just can't" when asked about the actress.

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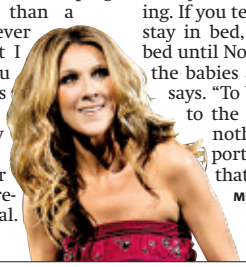
# 'I never gave up'

**SIX ATTEMPTS = TWO BABIES** Celine Dion has just announced that she's pregnant, but just getting this far has already been exhausting, she admits. "I feel like I've been pregnant more than a year. I never gave up. But I can tell you that it was physically and mentally exhausting," the singer tells Montreal's Le Journal.



Dion reportedly went through six attempts at in vitro fertilization before finally becoming impregnated with twins. And now she says she's ready to take it easy. "I do almost nothing. If you tell me I have to stay in bed, I will stay in bed until November, when the babies are born," she says. "To bring them into the world, there's nothing more important than that."

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# Cyrus not a fan of musicals

**AND HANNAH MONTANA IS SOOO REALISTIC...** Miley Cyrus has previously noted her lack of interest in Glee, the hit musical TV series, but she's apparently willing to clarify why the show does nothing for her. "Honestly, musicals? I just can't," she tells Billboard magazine.

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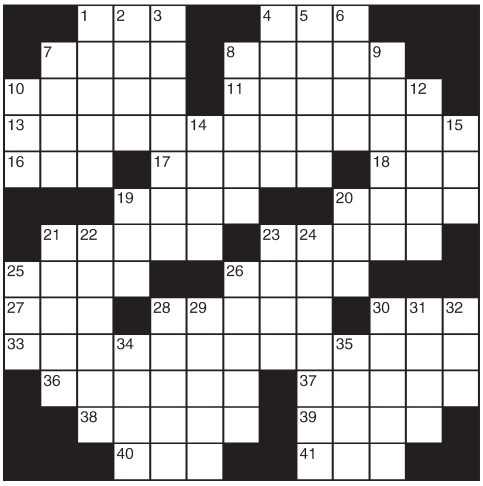

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | 5 | 9 | | | | 7 | 2 | |
| | | | 6 | 9 | 7 | | | |
| | | 1 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 2 | | |
| 5 | 4 | | | | | | 3 | 9 |
| | | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | | |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 8 | | | |
| | 1 | 4 | | | | 8 | 7 | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | 3 |

**ACROSS**

1 That girl
4 Frequently, in verse
7 Scruff
8 Speak off the cuff
10 Varnish ingredient
11 Oklahoman
13 Focus
16 Pismire
17 Hula hoopsite
18 Obtained
19 Singer Vikki
20 "Little Women" woman
21 "The — Show With Jon Stewart"
23 Ecstasy
25 Connect the —
26 Bank transaction
27 John's Yoko
28 TV airings
30 Spanish Mrs.
33 Aries or Orion
36 Undo a law
37 Avarice
38 Big name in retail
39 Kvetches
40 Bug spray abbr.
41 Nay antithesis

**DOWN**

1 Lacks
2 Grand-scale tale
3 Subscription extension
4 Smells
5 Be buoyant
6 Coloration
7 Bygone Dodge compact
8 Moving about
9 Pale yellow shades
10 Nipper's co.
12 Alex Haley book
14 Not, quaintly
15 To the — degree
19 Grafton's "— for Corpse"
20 Crib
21 Organ transplant VIP
22 Expiates
23 Fruit container
24 Garfield's favorite food
25 Medic
26 Lounges
28 Place
29 Tin Woodman's desire
30 Prolonged attack
31 Bucks' mates
32 Moreover
34 Raced
35 Salver

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| 7 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 5 |
| 9 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| 6 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 9 |
| 3 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 |

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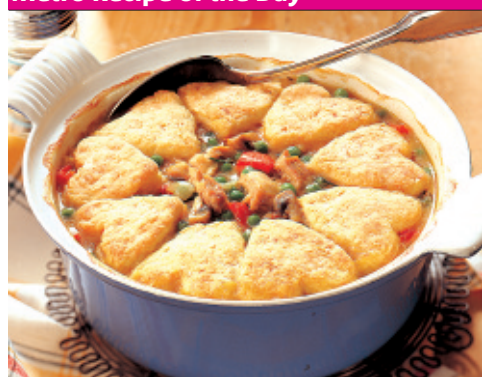

### Savoury Chicken and Biscuits

**INGREDIENTS:**

500 g skinless boneless chicken breasts, cubed
1 yellow onion, cut into chunks
225 g mushrooms, quartered
1 cup chicken broth
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp rosemary
1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
2 tbsp cornstarch mixed with 1/4 cup cold water
1 cup peas
1 jar sliced pimentos, drained

**BISCUITS:**

1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 tsp minced onion
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp baking soda
1/8 tsp salt
3 tbsp butter

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). In large pot, combine chicken, onion chunks, mushrooms, broth, garlic, rosemary, 1/4 tsp salt and pepper. Boil, then simmer, uncovered, 3 minutes. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Cook 2 minutes. Stir in peas and pimentos; set aside.

2. For biscuits, combine buttermilk and minced onion; set aside. In large bowl, stir flour, baking powder, baking soda, and 1/8 tsp salt. Using pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in buttermilk mixture just until combined.

3. Pat dough into 23-cm circle. Cut 9 biscuits with 5-cm cutter. Bring chicken mixture to boil; transfer to 2-L casserole. Arrange biscuits on top. Bake 20 minutes or until biscuits are golden.

**SERVES 4**

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**ARIES**
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There are only so many hours in a day and it is a crime to waste even one of them tormenting yourself about things that are over and done with.

**TAURUS**
APRIL 21-MAY 21
By all means get tough with someone today, but make sure they deserve to be criticized and make sure there is no way they can turn it back on you.

**GEMINI**
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Keep things simple today. If you ask complicated questions you will tie yourself in knots and the answers will be just as far away as ever.

**CANCER**
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You need to keep your wits about you today, especially when dealing with money. It's a big bad world out there, so stay sharp.

**LEO**
JULY 23-AUG 23
A minor nuisance could easily develop into a major nuisance today, simply because you did not act quickly enough.

**VIRGO**
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You don't have to justify your beliefs to anyone, and if someone tells you otherwise today they are not to be trusted.

**LIBRA**
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may not want to exert yourself today but you can still do something useful. Even reading a book or watching a TV program can expand your mind.

**SCORPIO**
OCT 24-NOV 22
These may be challenging times for you but you are not the sort to feel sorry for yourself. The secret to success is to take action.

**SAGITTARIUS**
NOV 23-DEC 21
Set yourself a tight schedule and stick to it come what may. You have a lot to get through before the end of the week. Don't fall behind in your chores.

**CAPRICORN**
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may be practical by nature but you also know how to enjoy yourself and one extra special friend will enjoy your company too.

**AQUARIUS**
JAN 21-FEB 18
It's okay to get a bit emotional occasionally, but it's not okay to let it get out of hand. There's no need for tears.

**PISCES**
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't focus on your weaknesses, focus on your strengths. Whatever it is you give most attention to that is what you attract back into your life.

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